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PREFACE.

THE documents and letters printed in this volume have been selected from a great mass of papers belonging to Sir William Pepperrell which came into the possession of Rev. Dr. Belknap while engaged in writing the "History of New Hampshire." He made careful and diligent use of them in the preparation of that work; and in October, 1791, he gave the greater part of them to this Society, of which he was the chief founder. A few, which were probably overlooked in the original gift, were afterward given by his representatives; and a few have been added from other sources. They furnish a mass of materials connected with the military and naval operations at Louisbourg, the most important military enterprise ever undertaken by the English Colonies in America, which leaves almost nothing to be desired.

In the first volume of the Collections, the Publishing Committee, of which Dr. Belknap was chairman, printed some of the official documents which had thus come into their hands; but they did not print any of the private letters. Many of the letters bear abundant marks of having been written under very unfavorable circumstances and in great haste; and many of the writers were persons of little school education, who spelled in a most erratic manner, especially when writing proper

names. It is not easy to recognize that the same person is probably meant under such diverse forms of phonetic spelling. The letters have all, however, historical value for the light they throw on the difficulties under which the siege was conducted, and on the personal characters of the officers and soldiers who were engaged in it, as well as on the aims and motives of the men who afterward sought to gain pecuniary advantage from the conquest. Our ancestors who fought or traded at Louisbourg differed in nothing from their descendants at the time of the Revolution, the Civil War, or the War with Spain.

These letters were used by Dr. Usher Parsons in the preparation of his "Life of Sir William Pepperrell," by Mr. Parkman, in his "Half-Century of Conflict," and by other writers, with the permission of the Society; but they have never before been printed in full.

Sir William Pepperrell was of English descent, and was born in Kittery, Maine, June 27, 1696. His father, who was a native of Devonshire, had been settled here for about twenty years, — first on the Isles of Shoals and afterward at Kittery, where he carried on an extensive mercantile business, and laid the foundations of the family fortune. At an early age the son was admitted as a partner in his father's business; and at the age of twenty-seven was married to Mary Hirst, a granddaughter of Judge Samuel Sewall. He had already, at the age of twenty-one, been appointed captain of a cavalry company, from which he was speedily advanced to the rank of major and lieutenant-colonel. At the age of thirty he was made colonel of the regiment, a position which carried with it the command of all the militia in Maine. About the same time he was elected representative for Kittery in the Massachusetts Legislature; and in 1727 he was elected one of the Council. In 1730, though

he had had no training in the law, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of York, which office he held until his death. When Governor Shirley planned the expedition against Louisbourg, the chief command was offered to Pepperrell, who was then in the full vigor of manhood, with an ample fortune, and a home which might be called luxurious for those days. After much hesitation he was induced to accept the command, and sailed from Boston with the Massachusetts troops March 24, 1744–5, and reached Canso, after a rough passage, April 4. A landing near Louisbourg was effected on the last day of the month. From that time the siege was pressed, with as much energy and promptness as were practicable under very adverse conditions, until the 16th of June, when the city capitulated to the combined military and naval forces. For his services Pepperrell was made a baronet, and was appointed colonel of one of two regiments which it was proposed to raise in America on the English establishment. He remained at Louisbourg through the following winter, and returned to Boston at the end of May, 1746. Not long after the peace he retired from business, with the reputation of being the richest man in the Colonies, but he continued to take an important share in public affairs nearly down to the time of his death. In September, 1749, he sailed for England, returning home in the following summer. He died at Kittery, July 6, 1759. He had had four children, of whom the youngest two died in infancy. The eldest child, Elizabeth, married Col. Nathaniel Sparhawk, and was the mother of William Pepperrell Sparhawk, the second baronet, who, in conformity with the conditions of his grandfather's will, dropped the name of Sparhawk. At the time of the Revolution the second baronet espoused the side of the mother country; and on the evacuation of

Boston, he went to England, where he died in December, 1816. On his death, without male issue, the baronetcy became extinct. The first Sir William's only son who survived childhood, Andrew, died unmarried March 1, 1750-51.

For the use of the two very satisfactory plans of Louisbourg and the country immediately around it, the Society is indebted to the representatives of our late associate, Francis Parkman.

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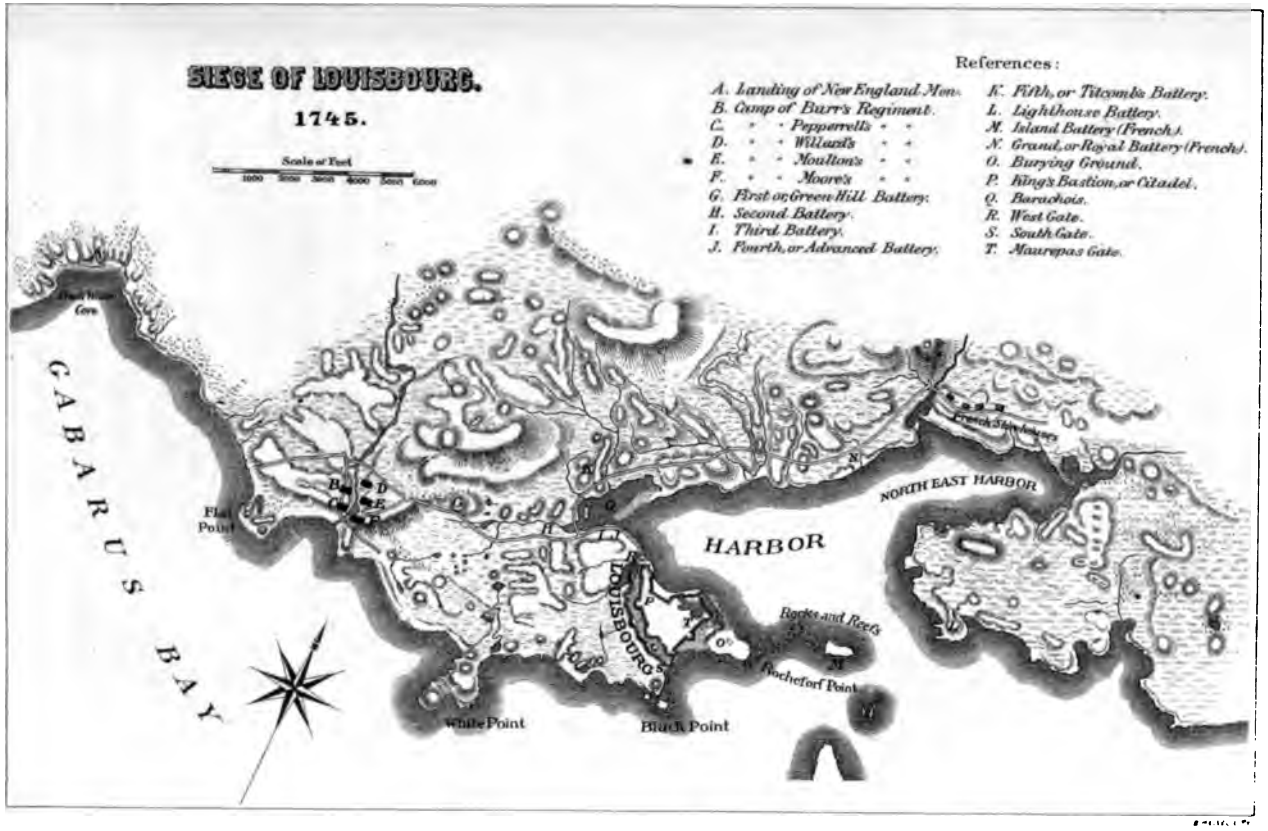
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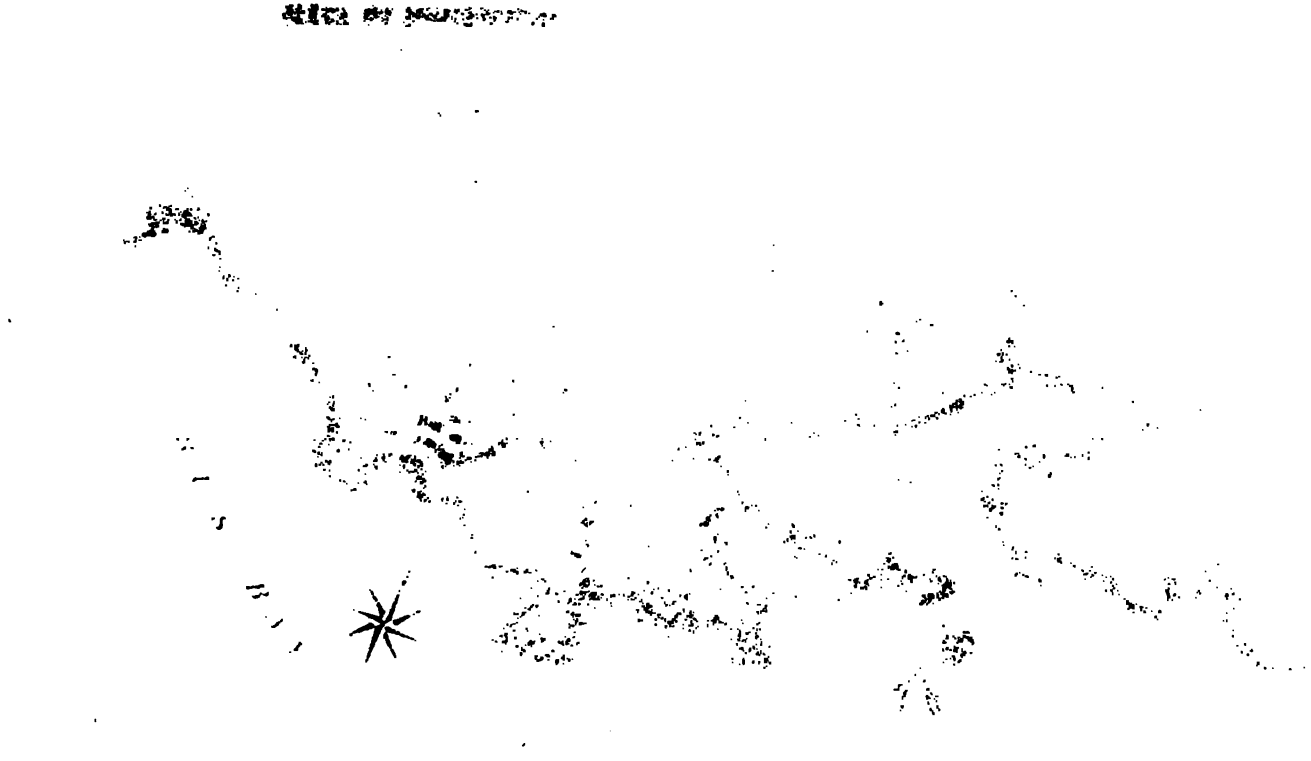

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Mr Wm Vaughan.

His Honour the President communicated to the Council his instructions from his Excellr Governour Shirley, and

* These Records are printed from a folio volume, of about a hundred pages with stiff paper covers, given to the Society by Rev. Dr. Belknap in October, 1791, and marked on the cover "Register of the Councils of War," and on the fly-leaf "This Book contains Records of the proceedings of the Councils of War [and Courts Martial] held from time to time in the Expedition against Cape Breton, 1745." The words enclosed in brackets were erased with a pen drawn twice over them. The volume is no doubt the original record book, and with the possible exception of a part of the record of one meeting of the Council it is wholly in the handwriting of Benjamin Green, Secretary to the Expedition. — Eds.

† In the early records this name is uniformly written "Mesharvey," which clearly indicates the manner in which it was then pronounced. After May 9 it appears as "Mesharve." It is now commonly written "Meserve." The bearer of the name was a native of Portsmouth, N. H., and Lieutenant Colonel in Colonel Moore's regiment. See *post*, p. 391 *n*. — Eds.

acquainted them that he had convened them to consider of the most suitable measures for putting the same in execution. Upon which it was unanimously Advized, that, whereas the island of Canso is a convenient place for a retreat of the army in case of need and the reception of the sick and wounded, the blockhouse provided for ye expedition be erected on the hill of Canso, and inclosed with picketts, and eight (nine pounders) cannon be planted there, and a sod battery rais'd, and necessary ammunition, wth workmen and tools, and two companies of forty men each be left for the security of s^d^ place, and that during the time the army may be obliged to tarry at Canso, they be encouraged to assist in preparing the ground and erecting the said blockhouse.

Advized unanimously, that notwithstanding the train of artillery and some part of the troops are not yet arrived at Canso, those now there proceed with the first favourable wind and weather to Chappeaurouge Bay, and endeavour to take possession of the field; at least after their having been review'd and compleatly furnish'd wth ye necessary accoutrements, provided that upon examination it shall appear that a sufficiency of ammunition and other stores for them be also arrived.

At a Council of War held at Canso on board the Shirley Galley Apr^l^ 14th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*
Saml Waldo, Esqr
Jo^s^ Dwight, Esqr
Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Saml Willard, Esqr
Robert Hale, Esqr
Sylvester Richmond, Esqr
Shubael Gorham, Esqr
Saml Moore, Esqr
Jno Bradstreet, Esqr
Jno Storer, Esqr

ARTHUR NOBLE, Esqr
NATH^L DONNEL, Esqr
THO^S CHANDLER, Esqr
EDW^D EVELITH, Esqr
JN^O GORHAM, Esqr
NATH^L MESHARVEY, Esqr
Mr WILL^M VAUGHAN.

His Honour the President reminded the Council of his Excell^y's instructions relating to St Peters, and that he had just obtain'd information by some Indian prisoners brought in by Capt Donahew that the inhabitants at St Peters were retir'd into the woods, excepting a small number of soldiers wth an officer (as they said, but ten or twelve men), and desired the opinion of the Council whether it be adviseable to omitt sending the proposed detachment to St Peters in consequence of this information. Whereupon it was

Advized unanimously, that as the information appear'd worthy of credit, and that the circumstances of that place were thereby set in a very different light from what they appear'd in when his Excell^y proposed the detachment to that place, and that thereby such an unforeseen emergency had arisen as his Excell^y had been pleas'd to leave to the discression of ye Lt General, that therefore the prosecution of the proposed design against St Peters be omitted, and that the detachment allotted for that purpose proceed with the rest of the fleet to Chappeaurouge Bay.

Advized, that Cap^ts Donahew and Beckett with their sloops be order'd to put out some few hours before the body of the fleet in order to take or drive into port any small vessels they may meet with in their way.

The Council desired the President, that inasmuch as some topsail vessels had been seen off this day, if he should have reason to think they were enemies, or should have no intelligence of our cruising vessels before the departure of the fleet for Chappeaurouge Bay, that he

would be pleas'd to order that Cap^{ts} Donahew & Beckett before they proceed to ye Bay Vert join the fleet and proceed wth it, the better to secure the landing of the forces.

At a Council of War held at Canso Aprill 18th, 1745.

Present The Honble Will^{M} Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

Jno Storer, Esqr	Saml Waldo, Esqr
Arthur Noble, Esqr	Jos. Dwight, Esqr
Nath. Donnell, Esqr	Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Saml Willard, Esqr
Edwd Evelith, Esqr	Robert Hale, Esqr
Saml Pitts, Esqr	Syl^{a} Richmond, Esqr
Jno Gorham, Esqr	Shubael Gorham, Esqr
Nath. Mesharvey, Esqr	Saml Moore, Esqr
Ric^{d} Gridley, Esqr	Jno Bradstreet, Esqr

The President acquainted the Council that he had been inform'd that there was not above a fortnight's allowance of rum and molosses remaining in the fleet, and desired their opinion whether the cargo of rum and molosses lately brought into this port in the brig^{t} Victory, taken from the French enemy by Cap^{ts} Snelling and Fletcher, shall be retain'd for the use of the army.

Upon which the several commissaries were order'd to attend, who reported that by calculation made there was not more than a week's allowance of either of those species, and that if the full allowance of molosses had been given out the whole would have been expended. Upon which it was

Advized, that all the rum and molosses on board the said vessel be taken out for the use of the army, if good, and two casks of coffee; the commissarys to draw on the Commissary Genl in Boston for the same.

Complaint being made of some bad provisions in ye army, Capt Sole, Capt Butler, Capt Dodge, & Capt Waldo were desired to inspect the same.

At a Council of War held at Canso Aprill 19th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

Jno Storer, Esqr	Saml Waldo, Esqr
Arthur Noble, Esqr	Jos. Dwight, Esqr
Nathl Donnell, Esqr	Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Saml Willard, Esqr
Edwd Evelith, Esqr	Robt Hale, Esqr
Saml Pitts, Esqr	Syr Richmond, Esqr
Nath. Mesharvey, Esqr	Shubael Gorham, Esqr
Ricd Gridley, Esqr	Saml Moore, Esqr
	Jno Bradstreet, Esqr

Whereas a second brigt prize is brot into this port by Capts Donahew and Swan, laden wth rum & molosses, which is a good sailor, and may be serviceable in the expedition, it was proposed by the President, Whether the advice of ye Council of yesterday be reconsidered and the cargo last brot in be taken instead of the other; upon which it was

Advized, that the cargo of the brigt last brought into this port called the St Jean be taken for the use of the army, and the molosses belonging to the cargo of ye brigt Victory be taken and forty hogsheads of her rum and her cannon excepting two, wch cannon are to be put into the brigt St Jean, and that the cloathing on board ye St Jean be apprized and taken for ye use of the soldiers, if suitable, also a parcell of soap and tobacco, and that sd vessell attend the fleet to Chappeaurouge Bay.

Advized, that what English prisoners are or may be retaken, be employ'd in the service of the expedition.

At a Council of War held at Canso Aprill 20th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

Jno Bradstreet, Esqr	Saml Waldo, Esqr
Jno Storer, Esqr	Jos Dwight, Esqr
Arthur Noble, Esqr	Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Nath. Donnell, Esqr	Saml Willard, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Robert Hale, Esqr

Edw^{D} Evelith, Esqr	Syl^{R} Richmond, Esqr
Nath. Mesharvey, Esqr	Shubael Gorham, Esqr
Ric^{D} Gridley, Esqr	Sam^{L} Moore, Esqr

Whereas it was proposed that Capt Donahew and Beckett should not go up the Bay Vert till after the execution of the design against St Peters and ye land^{g} ye forces at Chappeaurouge Bay, yet as the delay of the army so long at Canso, nor the present circumstances of St Peters, could be known at the time of projecting that enterprise,

Advized, that said sloops proceed directly to the Bay Vert to intercept and take the provision vessels there, and that thirty soldiers with an officer be put on board Donahew for that occasion.

Advized, that half the number of swivel guns on board the several transports be put into the brig^{t} St Jean, and a party of twenty men wth an officer, and that she proceed to cruize in quest of the schooner taken from Capt W. Adams.

Advized, that one box of partridge shott be left at Canso.

At a Council of War held at Canso Aprill 22nd, 1745.

Present The Honble W^{M} Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

Jn^{O} Storer, Esqr	Sam^{L} Waldo, Esqr
Arthur Noble, Esqr	Jo^{s} Dwight, Esqr
Nath. Donnell, Esqr	Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Sam^{L} Willard, Esqr
Jn^{O} Gorham, Esqr	Rob^{T} Hale, Esqr
Nath. Mesharvey, Esqr	Syl^{R} Richmond, Esqr
Ric^{D} Gridley, Esqr	Shubael Gorham, Esqr
Mr W^{M} Vaughan	Sam^{L} Moore, Esqr
	Jn^{O} Bradstreet, Esqr

Advized, that what vessels and goods be taken and improved for the service of the exped^{n} be apprized by suitable persons upon oath.

Advized, that Capt Jno Corney
Capt Micl Hodge
Capt Jos Goldthwait
Capt Ephm Baker
Mr Thos Waldo

be the persons to apprize all such vessels and goods, who were accordingly sworn by his Honour the President.

Advized, that the persons for that purpose appointed repair on board the brigt St Jean and apprize sd vessel, appurtenances & stores, and also her cargo, in order to sd vessel's being employ'd as a cruizer in the expedition; and that the small arms on board the brigt Victory be apprized and taken for ye use of the army, if good, excepting one for each man left to navigate sd vessell and guard the prisoners.

Advized, that the cargo on board the schooner St Peter brought into this port by Capt Furnell, of wch Capt Adams was lately master, be apprized in order to be taken for the use of the army, if needed, to be received by the commissaries who are to account for the same.

Advized, that what vessels are or may be retaken, be laid up at Canso till further orders, and that the men retaken in said vessels shall have their own cloathing and bedding delivered them without charge by the captors of the same.

Adjourned to four o'clock in ye afternoon.

At an adjournment of a Council of War, Aprill 22nd, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

Jno Storer, Esqr	Saml Waldo, Esqr
Arthur Noble, Esqr	Jos. Dwight, Esqr
Nath. Donnel, Esqr	Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Saml Willard, Esqr
Jno Gorham, Esqr	Shubael Gorham, Esqr
Nath. Mesharvey, Esqr	Saml Moore, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	Jno Bradstreet, Esqr

Whereas since the adjournment of the Council there is news of Commodore Warren's being arrived with a squadron of men of war, which renders the service of ye brig^t^ St Jean as a cruizer unnecessary,

Advized, that the design of fitting s^d^ vessel for a cruizer be laid aside, and that she be sent out wth wood, water, & provisions to ye cruizers & then return here for further orders.

At a Council of War held at Canso Aprill 23rd, 1745.

Present The Honble W^M^ PEPPERRELL, Esq., *President.*

ARTHUR NOBLE, Esqr	SAM^L^ WALDO, Esqr
NATH. DONNELL, Esqr	JO^S^ DWIGHT, Esqr
THO^S^ CHANDLER, Esqr	JER. MOULTON, Esqr
EDW^D^ EVELITH, Esqr	SAM^L^ WILLARD, Esqr
SAM^L^ PITTS, Esqr	ROBERT HALE, Esqr
JN^O^ GORHAM, Esqr	SYL^S^ RICHMOND, Esqr
NATH. MESHARVEY, Esqr	SHUBAEL GORHAM, Esqr
RIC^D^ GRIDLEY, Esqr	SAM^L^ MOORE, Esqr
Mr W^M^ VAUGHAN	JN^O^ BRADSTREET, Esqr
	JN^O^ STORER, Esqr

Whereas there was an affray happened last night on board the brig^t^ Victory, and the parties having been examined and the some of them put under an arrest on account thereof,

Advized, that Capt John Freind, who was lately put into s^d^ vessell by Capt Snelling to take charge of her, was guilty of a heinous misdemeanour in the affray that happened last night on board s^d^ vessel by discharging a loaded pistol at the sentry of a guard posted there for the security of the French and Indian prisoners and by other enormities, and that he [be] sent back on board Capt Snelling in irons, there to remain till further orders; and that Mr Hunter, who was put into s^d^ vessell by Capt Fletcher, be reprimanded, and that Capt William Adams be directed to take the charge of master of s^d^ vessell till further orders, and that she be man'd wth sixteen hands when

she sails for Boston, and that during her stay in this harbour, Capt Cutter be directed to keep a guard of ten men on board her.

Advized, that the other persons under arrest on aco^{t} of the affray last night may, upon making their humble submission in writing to the satisfaction of the General, and reparation to the persons aggreived, be reprimanded and dismissed upon their parole of honour.

Whereas a party detach'd 21st ins^{t} to St Peters are return'd, with an aco^{t} that a greater number of French and Indians are gather'd together there than we had reason to expect by the intelligence given by ye prisoners taken,

Advized, that there be a detachment agreable to the first projection sent to St Peters the day the fleet sails from Canso, and that Capt Furnel be immediately order'd down off that harbour to keep in the vessels laying there.

Complaint having been made of the condition of ye transport ye Humming Bird, Capt Honiwell master, Col. Donnel, Col. Jno Gorham, and Col. Mesharvey were desired to make inquiry into the state of s^{d} sloop, who reported that she was sufficient for the service upon having her mainsail mended.

Advized, that one man belonging to each of the vessels retaken be left at Canso to take care of them.

It being represented that some of the company of carpenters are insufficient for that service,

Advized, that any such be dismissed from that service and sent back to Boston.

At a Council of War held at the camp before Louisbourg, on the island of Cape Breton, May 3rd, 1745.

Present The Honble Will^{M} Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

Jno Storer, Esqr	Roger Wolcott, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Jo^{s} Dwight, Esqr
Jno Gorham, Esqr	Saml Willard, Esqr

SIMON LOTHROP, Esqr	ROB^{T} HALE, Esqr
RIC^{D} GRIDLEY, Esqr	SYL^{S} RICHMOND, Esqr
	AND^{W} BURR, Esqr

The General proposed to the consideration of the Councill whether there should be sent to the commanding officer at Louisbourg a summons to surrender up that place, &c.

The determination whereon was adjourn'd till to-morrow.

Advized, that three or four transport schooners be sent to Com. Warren to receive & follow his orders.

Advized, that a suitable vessel be immediately dispatcht to Newfoundland wth an aco^{t} to the commanders of his Maj$^{ty's}$ ships there of the scituation of the army and his Excell$^{y's}$ packetts, &c.

Advized, that two or three schooners be sent out to catch fish for the army.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

At a Council of War held by adjournment at the camp, &c., May 4th, 1745.

Present	The Honble WILL^{M} PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*	
AND^{W} BURR, Esqr	ROGER WOLCOTT, Esqr	
JN^{O} STORER, Esqr	JO^{S} DWIGHT, Esqr	
THO^{S} CHANDLER, Esqr	SAM^{L} WILLARD, Esqr	
EDW^{D} EVELITH, Esqr	ROB^{T} HALE, Esqr	
NATH^{L} MESHARVEY, Esqr	SYL^{S} RICHMOND, Esqr	
RIC^{D} GRIDLEY, Esqr	SHU. GORHAM, Esqr	
JN^{O} GORHAM, Esqr	SAM^{L} MOORE, Esqr	

Advised, that the two nine pounders cannon and two of ye gallopping peices be landed and transported to ye battery where the mortars are placed, and the other gallopping pieces to the camp.

The question was again put whether a summons should be sent to ye command^{g} officer at Louisbourg as soon as ye two nine pounders cannon & gallopping peices be got to ye bomb battery, and the mortars & cohorns be in a

readiness to play on the town, which after some debate was carried in the affirmative by a majority of ye members, but upon some new matter of debate arising was by consent reconsidered, and

Advized, that when ye s^d^ cannon, &c., are in a readyness, the mortars and cohorns be play'd upon the town immediately.

Adjourned to three of ye clock, P. M.

Adjourned further to 8 o'clock to-morrow morn^g^.

At a Council of War held by adjournment at the camp, &c., May 5th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Will^M^ Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^t^*		
Jno Storer, Esqr		Roger Wolcott, Esqr	
Thos Chandler, Esqr		Jo^s^ Dwight, Esqr	
Edw^D^ Evelith, Esqr		Sam^L^ Willard, Esqr	
Jno Gorham, Esqr		Rob^T^ Hale, Esqr	
Nath^L^ Mesharvey, Esqr		Syl^R^ Richmond, Esqr	
Simon Lothrop, Esqr		Shub^L^ Gorham, Esqr	
		And^W^ Burr, Esqr	

The General communicated to the Council a plan of operation proposed by Commodore Warren, &c. The determination whereon was adjourned till ye afternoon.

Advized, that a battery be thrown up near the West Gate as soon as may be.

Adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

At a Council of War held by adjournm^t^ at the camp, &c., May 5th, P. M.

Present	The Honble Will^M^ Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^t^*		
Jno Bradstreet, Esqr		Roger Wolcott, Esqr	
And^W^ Burr, Esqr		Sam^L^ Waldo, Esqr	
Jno Storer, Esqr		Jo^s^ Dwight, Esqr	
Thos Chandler, Esqr		Sam^L^ Willard, Esqr	
Edw^D^ Evelith, Esqr		Rob^T^ Hale, Esqr	
Nath. Mesharvey, Esqr		Syl^R^ Richmond, Esqr	
Simon Lothrop, Esqr		Shu. Gorham, Esqr	
Ric^D^ Gridley, Esqr		Sam^L^ Moore, Esqr	

Advized, that the mortars, coehorns, and cannon at Green Hill be advanced to a hill between that and the town, and a battery be raised there and eight 22 pounder cannon be planted therein, and play'd upon the town as soon as possible.

Advized, that the two eighteen pounders cannon in the Grand Battery and two of the forty-two pounders there be removed and placed in the battery proposed to be made against the West Gate.

Advized, that Capt Bosch's sloop attempt to get into the harbour of Louisbourg wth the train of artillery on board, if Com. Warren approves of it, & that the conducting that affair be wholly left to him.

The determination on Com^{re} Warren's plan of operation was deferred till another opportunity.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 6th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Willm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*	
Saml Moore, Esqr		Roger Wolcott, Esqr
Jno Storer, Esqr		Jos. Dwight, Esqr
Nath. Donnell, Esqr		Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr		Saml Willard, Esqr
Edwd Evelith, Esqr		Syl^{a} Richmond, Esqr
Saml Pitts, Esqr		Shu. Gorham, Esqr
Ric^{d} Gridley, Esqr		Jno Bradstreet, Esqr
		And^{w} Burr, Esqr

(The Honble Com^{re} Warren being also present.)

Advized, that the following summons be sent into Louisbourg, and in case the terms thereof shall not be comply'd with the town be attack'd by storm as soon as possible.

The Summons.

The Camp before Louisbourg, May 7th, 1745.

Whereas there is now encamped upon the island of Cape Breton near the city of Louisbourg a number of his Brittanic Majesty's troops under the command of the

Honble Lieu^t^-General Pepperrell, and also a squadron of his said Majesty's ships of war under the command of the Honble Peter Warren, Esqr, is now lying before the harbour of said City, for the reduction thereof to the obedience of the Crown of Great Brittain, we the said William Pepperrell and Peter Warren, to prevent the effusion of Christian blood, do in the name of our Sovereign Lord, George the Second, of Great Brittain, France, and Ireland, King, &c., summons you to surrender to his obedience the said city, fortresses, and territories, together with the artillery, arms, and stores of war thereunto belonging. In consequence of which surrender, we the said William Pepperrell and Peter Warren in the name of our said Sovereign do assure you, that all the subjects of the French King now in said city and territories shall be treated with the utmost humanity, have their personal estates secured to them, and have leave to transport themselves and said effects to any part of the French King's dominions in Europe. Your answer hereto is demanded at or before five o' the clock this afternoon.

Signed by W. PEPPERRELL
P. WARREN.

To the Commander in Chief of the French King's troops in Louisbourg on the island of Cape Breton.

At a Council held at the camp, &c., May 7th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *President.*

JN^o^ BRADSTREET, Esqr	ROGER WOLCOTT, Esqr
THO^s^ CHANDLER, Esqr	JO^s^ DWIGHT, Esqr
JN^o^ GORHAM, Esqr	JER. MOULTON, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN	SAM^L^ MOORE, Esqr

(The Honble Com^re^ Warren being also present.)

Advized, that an attack be made this night on the Island Battery with a suitable number of men in boats, and that a number of Commodore Warren's seamen assist in ye s^d^ attack.

At a Council held at the camp, &c., May 8th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^t^*

Jno Storer, Esqr	Roger Wolcott, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Jo^s^ Dwight, Esqr
Edwd Evelith, Esqr	Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Jno Gorham, Esqr	Robt Hale, Esqr
Nath. Mesharvey, Esqr	Syl. Richmond, Esqr
Simon Lothrop, Esqr	Saml Moore, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	Jno Bradstreet, Esqr
	And^w^ Burr, Esqr

(The Honble Com^re^ Warren being also present.)

Advized, that whereas the design'd attack on the Island Battery could not be put in execution last night it be attempted again to-night or the first favourable opportunity, and that in the mean time preparation be made for a vigorous attack of the town as soon as possible.

Advized, that the men belonging to the transports assist in the attack of the Island Battery, excepting two to take care of each vessel, and that those who shall assist be intitled to an equal share of ye plunder with the other soldiers employ'd therein.

Advized, that the party that attack the Island Battery shall be intitled to all plunder found there, except King's stores.

At a Council held at the camp, &c., May 9th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^t^*

Jno Storer, Esqr	Roger Wolcott, Esqr
Thos Chandler, Esqr	Saml Waldo, Esqr
Edwd Evelith, Esqr	Jos. Dwight, Esqr
Jno Gorham, Esqr	Jer. Moulton, Esqr
Nat. Mesharvey, Esqr	Shu. Gorham, Esqr
Simon Lothrop, Esqr	Saml Moore, Esqr
Ric^d^ Gridley, Esqr	Jno Bradstreet, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	And^w^ Burr, Esqr

(The Honble Com^re^ Warren being also present.)

Advized unanimously, that the town of Louisbourg be attack'd by storm this night with all the force and vigour possible.

At a Council held at the camp, &c., May 9th, 1745. Post Meri^{m}.

Present The Honble W^{M} Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*
Thos Chandler, Esqr — Roger Wolcott, Esqr
Jno Storer, Esqr — Jer. Moulton, Esqr
And^{w} Burr, Esqr

(The Honble Com^{re} Warren being also present.)

Advized, that inasmuch as there appears a great dissatisfaction in many of the officers & soldiers at the design'd attack of the town by storm this night, and as it may be attended with very ill consequences if it should not be executed with the utmost vigour whenever attempted, the said attack of the town be deferr'd for the present.

At a Council held at the camp, &c., May 11th, 1745.

Present The Honble W^{M} Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*
And^{w} Burr, Esqr — P. Warren, Esqr
Jno Storer, Esqr — Jo^{s} Dwight, Esqr
Edwd Evelith, Esqr — Robt Hale, Esqr
Simon Lothrop, Esqr — Shu. Gorham, Esqr
Ric^{d} Gridley, Esqr — Saml Moore, Esqr
Jno Bradstreet, Esqr

Advized, that the battery begun at the west part of the town be compleated with all possible expedition, and the eight 22^{lb} cannon be mounted there.

Advis'd, that two regiments be posted on the west part of the town to guard the batteries there, and to intercept succours that may attempt to get into the town that way.

That one regim^{t} be posted at the Grand Battery.

That a battery be thrown up, and the New York train of artillery and some cannon from the Grand Battery be mounted between the light house and careening place, and that the remaind^{r} of the army with the stores encamp in some proper place ab^{t} the North East Harbour, & intrench there and place the field pieces round the camp, that so they may be able to keep possession of

the harbour till measures can be taken for the effectual reduction of the town.

That some guard boats be prepared & kept in readiness in the North East Harbour to intercept small vessells from getting to the town with succours.

That as there is mortar, stone, and other necessarys at the Grand Battery, workmen be employ'd to repair & perfect it, so as to make it defensible against an attack.

That the women & children prisoners be sent to New Eng^{d} ^{y} Capt Bennet.

That Commodore Warren be desired to give orders to Capt Snelling to release Capt Friend from the confinem^{t} to which he was committed by the Council at Canso.

That his Excellency Governour Shirley be addressed to that a reinforcement of one thousand men be sent down to the army; allso another large mortar, and a spare bed for it.

Advis'd that fourteen of the Massachusetts transports be sent to Boston under convoy of Capt Smithurst to bring down a reinforcem^{t} of men, and that four of the New Hampshire transports be sent home to bring down what men may be sent from thence.

Advis'd, that one man of the prisoners be sent up in each transport going to New England, and the remainder of them in Capt Smithurst.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 11th, 1745. Post Meri^{m}.

Present	The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*		
Jno Storer, Esqr		S. Waldo, Esqr	
Thos Chandler, Esqr		Jo^{s} Dwight, Esqr	
Nath. Mesharve, Esqr		Shu. Gorham, Esqr	
Simon Lothrop, Esqr		Saml Moore, Esqr	
Ric^{d} Gridley, Esqr		And^{w} Burr, Esqr	
		Jno Bradstreet, Esqr	

The President acquainted the Council that he had been inform'd some persons in the army had entertain'd and spread a report of Col. Bradstreet that they were apprehensive he was not hearty in the success of the expedition, &c., and as such surmizes would be of very bad consequence to the army, as well as disadvantageous to his character, & which he ought by no means to lay under the imputation of, unless some good reasons did appear therefor, that therefore he had conven'd them to know if they apprehended there was any ground for such a report, and if there was not, that the persons should be found out, reprimanded severely, and ask Col. Bradstreet's pardon. Upon examination it appear'd that Lt Col. Chandler had been guilty of great imprudence in entertain^g^ and reporting such surmizes without the least reasonable foundation therefor; and it was the opinion of the Council that he ought to acknowledge his fault & ask Col. Bradstreet's pardon, which he did. And the Council took this opportunity to testifie their approbation of Col. Bradstreet's behaviour in the army, and that his zeal for the success of the expedition was undoubtedly manifest by his active and prudent behaviour on all occasions.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 17th, 1745.

Present The Honble Willm Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

A. Burr, Esqr	S. Waldo, Esqr
J. Storer, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	S. Richmond, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	S. Gorham, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	J. Bradstreet, Esqr

The General communicated to the Council a plan of operation for the reduction of Louisbourg, &c., sign'd by

Com^re^ Warren & several Cap^ts^ of his Maj. ships & of the cruizers under his command, dated 16th May, 1745.

Advized, that the circumstances of the army not allowing of an immediate determination thereon, the consideration of it be defer'd to a further opportunity.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 18th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*	
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr		J. DWIGHT, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN		S. MOORE, Esqr
		N. MESHARVE, Esqr

Adviz'd, that the main body of the army be not removed to the North East Harbour at present by reason of several inconveniencies that would attend such a removal.

That one regiment be posted there to erect the battery proposed in that place, as soon as the battery at the West Gate is compleated.

At a Council at the camp, &c., May 22nd, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*	
T. CHANDLER, Esqr		R. WOLCOTT, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr		J. DWIGHT, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr		J. MOULTON, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr		S. GORHAM, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr		S. MOORE, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr		A. BURR, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN		J. STORER, Esqr

Adviz'd, that Brig^r^ Dwight and Col. Moore go off to confer wth the Commodore as soon as opportunity will permitt.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 24th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*	
A. NOBLE, Esqr		R. WOLCOTT, Esqr
N. DONNELL, Esqr		S. WALDO, Esqr

T. CHANDLER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	S. GORHAM, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	A. BURR, Esqr
	J. STORER, Esqr

Whereas an attack on the Island Battery was order'd last night under the command of Col. Noble and Col. Jno Gorham which fail'd of being put in execution, the President moved that inquiry should be made into the reasons thereof.

Upon examination made, and a number of the officers and others who were order'd on that attack being heard, the Council were of opinion that it did not appear that Col. Noble or Col. Gorham were chargeable with misbehaviour in the affair.

Adviz'd, that the camp be continued at or near the place where it now is.

That if a number of men to the amount of three or four hundred appear as voluntiers for the attack of the Island Battery they be allowed to choose their own officers and be entitled to the plunder found there.

That one hundred barrels of powder be borrowed of Com^{re} Warren for the use of the army.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 25th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*	
A. BURR, Esqr	R. WOLCOTT, Esqr	
J. BRADSTREET, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr	
J. STORER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr	
A. NOBLE, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr	
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	S. GORHAM, Esqr	
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr	

A plan of operation for the reduction of Louisbourg sign'd by P. Warren and several others, com^{rs} of the ships & vessels cruiz^{g} off the port, dated May 24th, 1745,

being communicated to the Council, and taken into mature consideration, it was advized, that the following plan of operation be communicated to Com^re^ Warren and the Council of Sea Officers for their approbation, vizt.

At a Council of War held at the camp before Louisbourg, May 25th, 1745.

The Council having maturely weighed the plan of operation for the reduction of Louisbourg signed by the Honble Com^re^ Warren and several of his Council of Officers, dated on board the Superbe, May 24th, 1745, are of opinion,

That as it will be of considerable consequence in the attack of the town that the Island Battery be taken, and the Circular Battery reduced or disabled, we shall endeavour it whilst the Vigilant is fitting for service.

That as the difficulties of communication between the army and shipping are often so great that boats cannot put off nor reland for several days together; there being a considerable degree of sickness in the army; there being reason to apprehend that a number of French and Indians may be dayly expected on the back of our camp; also that our men being unused to the sea would be soon unfitted for service by being on shipboard; it is by no means advizeable to send off any number of the land forces to go into the harbour in the ships, lest if by any accident the ships should not go in at the time proposed, the land men might not be able immediately to repair on shoar, which might be attended with the worst consequences to the army.

That a general attack be made on the town by the army and naval force as soon, and in such manner, as shall be determined upon by their united Councils.

That the following plan of operation for that purpose be communicated to Com^re^ Warren, and his Council for their opinion upon it.

Viz^t^. That five hundred men be taken out of the

cruizers and transports, and distributed in the ships of war, in order to facilitate the manning the Vigilant.

That the ships and other vessels proceed into the harbour at the time agreed upon in such manner as Com^re^ Warren shall direct.

That five hundred land men and what men can be spared from the cruizers be in readiness at the Grand Battery to put off in boats upon a signal, and to land and scalade the wall on the front of the town, under the fire of the ships' cannon. The marines and what seamen Com^re^ Warren thinks proper to attack at the same time and place.

That five hundred men, or more if to be had, scalade the wall at the southeast part of the town at the same time.

That five hundred men make an attack at the breach at the West Gate, and endeavour to possess themselves of the Circular Battery.

That five hundred men be posted at a suitable place to sustain the party attacking at the West Gate.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 27th, 1745.

Present The Honble Willm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^t^*

J. Storer, Esqr	R. Wolcott, Esqr
E. Evelith, Esqr	S. Waldo, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	S. Gorham, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	A. Burr, Esqr
	J. Bradstreet, Esqr

The Council having taken into consideration the answer made by Com^re^ Warren to the plan of operation proposed by them yesterday.

Adviz'd, that the General embrace the first opportunity to go on board Com^re^ Warren's ship with such of his

Council as he shall think proper to take with him, and endeavour to determine upon some measures to be taken for the reduction of Louisbourg, to be put in execution accordingly without further debate.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., May 28th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

A. Burr, Esqr	R. Wolcott, Esqr
J. Storer, Esqr	S. Waldo, Esqr
E. Evelith, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	S. Gorham, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	J. Bradstreet, Esqr

Adviz'd, that, in consideration of the hard labour the army is obliged to perform, together with the almost continual fogs and unwholsomeness of this climate, &c., &c., the commissaries be directed to continue to the soldiers the allowance of a gill and half of rum per day.

That a vessel be dispatch'd to Annapolis for a 13 inch mortar & a brass mortar, with a number of shells for each, and any other warlike stores and assistance can be spared from thence.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., June 1st, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presidt*

A. Burr, Esqr	R. Wolcott, Esqr
J. Storer, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
E. Evelith, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	R. Hale, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	S. Gorham, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr	J. Bradstreet, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	

The General communicated to the Council a letter from Com^re^ Warren, dated May 31st, 1745, and desired their opinion of his plan of 25th, since the fogs hindered a conference. Whereupon it was

Advized, that the Vigilant be mann'd for his Maj. service in the proposed attack on Louisbourg out of the N. E. forces, viz., from the army and transports; that all the men on board the transports, except two to be left in each of those that shall remain in Chappeauroug Bay, be improved for manning the Vigilant; the remain^g^ number to compleat six hund^d^ to be taken out of the land forces.

That five hundred men be sent on board the ships the morning they propose to go into the harbour, in order to land with Com^re^ Warren's men.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., June 5th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*	
J. BRADSTREET, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
J. STORER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
N. DONNELL, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr	R. HALE, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr	S. RICHMOND, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	S. GORHAM, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN	A. BURR, Esqr

Adviz'd, that the Piscataqua guard sloop, Capt Furnell master, with some boats anchor near the lighthouse, with Capt Mason's Comp^a^ and part of Capt Furnel's comp^a^ on board, in order to intercept the enemy's small vessels from going into the harbour, and that Capt Mason's comp^a^ assist on shoar in the daytime in erecting the battery near the lighthouse, and repair on board the sloop at night.

That a number of the prisoners be put on board Capt Bosch and sent to Boston.

That one Englishman be appointed for the guard of each 10 prisoners sent to Boston.

That a vessel be dispatch'd to the Duke of Newcastle wth advice of the scituation of the forces, if Com^{re} Warren thinks it adviseable & will join therein.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., June 9th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr
J. STORER, Esqr	R. WOLCOTT, Esqr
N. DONNELL, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
T. CHANDLER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	R. HALE, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN	J. BRADSTREET, Esqr
	A. BURR, Esqr

Adviz'd, that the large mortar be removed to the new battery near the lighthouse.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., June 9th, 1745, in the evening.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr
A. BURR, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
J. STORER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
N. DONNELL, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	R. HALE, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN	S. MOORE, Esqr
	J. BRADSTREET, Esqr

The General acquainted the Council that a deserter from Louisbourg had inform'd that a number of small arms, ammunition and provisions were sent a few days since from Louisbourg to Mera to supply some of the French & Indians which are gathering together, and de-

sired their opinion whether a party should be sent out to endeavour to take the same.

Adviz'd, that a detachment be sent out for that purpose to consist of about 200 men.

At a Council of War held at the camp, &c., June 15th, 1745.

Present The Honble WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *President.*

A. BURR, Esqr	ROGER WOLCOTT, Esqr
J. BRADSTREET, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
J. STORER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
N. DONNELL, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr	R. HALE, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	

(The Honble Comre Warren being also present.)

Commodore Warren having inform'd the Council that he was ready to attempt going into the harbour of Louisbourg with his ships, if the Council should think it prudent for the army to make an attack on the town by land at the same time,

Advized, that when the Commodore shall make the signal for going into the harbour the land forces be ready, & that they make a vigorous attack on the town when the ships are got into the harbour and the signal is given for attacking.

That if the enemy offer to surrender, they shall have such terms granted them as the General & Commodore shall agree upon and consent to.

At a Council of War held at the citadel in the city of Louisbourg, June 22nd, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presidt*

A. NOBLE, Esqr	P. WARREN, Esqr
N. DONNELL, Esqr	R. WOLCOTT, Esqr
T. CHANDLER, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr

E. Evelith, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	S. Willard, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr,	A. Burr, Esqr
Mr Wm Vaughan	J. Storer, Esqr

Advized, that the following vessels be improved to transport to France as many of the prisoners as they can conveniently carry, and that they be got ready as soon as possible, viz.

Two brig^{ts} & a schooner belonging to Connecticut.

" } Masters.
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Two sloops belonging to Boston.

Branham } Masters.
Clark }

A schooner belonging to York, Adams, Master.

A sloop belonging to Portsm^{o}, Jno Furnell, Master.

Two belonging to Robt White } Masters
Saml Barnes }

Advized, that some of the vessels in the harbour may be sold to the French prisoners to transport their effects, if they incline to purchase the same.

At a Council of War held at the citadel in the city of Louisbourg, June 24th, 1745.

Present The Honble Willm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*

A. Noble, Esqr	S. Waldo, Esqr
N. Donnell, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
T. Chandler, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
E. Evelith, Esqr	S. Willard, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	S. Gorham, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	A. Burr, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr	J. Bradstreet, Esqr
Mr Willm Vaughan	J. Storer, Esqr

Advized, that the Honble Saml Waldo, Esqr, Saml Moore, Esqr, & Simon Lothrop, Esqr, be a committee to apprize and make an agreement for the ransom of any of the vessels in the harbour wch are the property of the army with any of the French inhabitants who are desirous to purchase the same, for transporting themselves or their effects.

Advized, that whereas many breaches are made in the walls & buildings of the town and batteries of Louisbourg by our artillery, and the Circular Battery, which did very much command the harbour, is render'd intirely useless without repair, and as the summer is the only season that such works can be effected here, the walls, citadell, hospital, magazines, king's storehouses, and all other the king's buildings, also the batteries of the town, and the Grand & Island Batteries be repaired.

That the said works and repairs be forthwith begun by the army.

That the artificers employed for this purpose be allowed and paid seven shillings & six pence p^r^ day N. E. currency, old tenor, for their labour.

That common labourers be allowed and paid five shillings p^r^ diem, said currency, for their labour.

That the governments of the Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and New Hampshire be inform'd as soon as may be of this resolution, and application be made to them at the same time to pay the aforesaid labourers their quota in proportion to their number of troops in the army, also to signifie their pleasure relating to their going on with said repairs.

Advized, that as many transports as may be necessary be sent with a proper guard to fetch in all the wood cut at St Peters, Mera, & other places near, as soon as possible, for the use of this garrison & town.

At a Council held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, June 26th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*	
J. BRADSTREET, Esqr		S. WALDO, Esqr
A. NOBLE, Esqr		J. MOULTON, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr		S. GORHAM, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr		S. MOORE, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN		A. BURR, Esqr

Advized, that the mortars, coehornes, & shells which came from Boston be returned by first opportunity.

That any persons who are under contracts for masts, and those who by reason of lameness or sickness are not likely to be capable of duty here, be allowed to return home.

That the General write to his Excell^{y} Govr Shirley earnestly to request of him to come to Louisbourg as soon as possible.

At a Council held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, June 28th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *President.*	
N. DONNELL, Esqr		S. WALDO, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr		J. DWIGHT, Esqr
S. PITTS, Esqr		J. MOULTON, Esqr
T. CHANDLER, Esqr		S. GORHAM, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr		S. MOORE, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr		A. BURR, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr		J. BRADSTREET, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr		J. STORER, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN		A. NOBLE, Esqr

Advized, that it being apprehended necessary, in order to having a just & full representation of the services of the army made to his Majesty & the ministry, some suitable person or persons repair to London for that purpose as soon as possible, and that the General be accordingly earnestly requested to go in Rous and to

take wth him Saml Moore, Esqr, Col. of ye N. H. reg^t^, and Elisha Williams, Esqr, chaplain of ye Connetticut regim^t^.

At a Council at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, June 29th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*
N. DONNELL, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
S. PITTS, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
T. CHANDLER, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	A. BURR, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	J. BRADSTREET, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN	J. STORER, Esqr
S. GORHAM, Esqr	A. NOBLE, Esqr

Advized, that the commissaries be directed to deliver to the army from this time garrison allowance of rum & molosses, being one gill of rum p^r^ diem to each man and one gallon of molosses p^r^ week to six men.

That the Honble Jo^s^ Dwight, Esqr, Andrew Burr, Esqr, & Nathl Donnell, Esqr, be a com^tee^ to make a proper allowance to the persons employ'd as gunners, agreeable to the General's promise.

At a Council held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, July 1st, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *President.*
T. CHANDLER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr	S. GORHAM, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	A. BURR, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	J. STORER, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN	A. NOBLE, Esqr
	N. DONNELL, Esqr

(The Honble Com^re^ Warren being also present.)

Advized, that the Honble Saml Waldo & Jo^s^ Dwight, Esq^rs^, Nath. Donnell, John Gorham, N. Mesharve, S. Lothrop, & Ric^d^ Gridley, Esq^rs^, be a committee to make search after plunder that may be concealed by any in the army or transports, and to cause every person to declare upon oath that they have not concealed nor will conceal any such plunder. — Three of said committee to be a quorum to act therein.

That Major Titcomb, Capt Hodges, Capt King, Capt Furnell, & Capt Batson be appointed to get the vessels wch are sunk in the harbour weighed.

That although the necessity of some repairs being immediately made in the walls and buildings of this city and batteries have influenced the Council to advise that said repairs be forthwith begun by the army, and that the several governments who sent troops in the expedition should be applied to for payment of the same, in expectation that they would be pleased to allow the exigency to be a sufficient reason therefor, yet as Commodore Warren has been pleased to offer to join with the General in representing the necessity of those repairs to his Majesty, and in drawing bills on his Majesty's treasury for paying the artificers and labourers employed in effecting the same. It is therefore most expedient that the General do accordingly join with Commodore Warren in such a representation to his Majesty, and in drawing bills for the payment of the workmen in making what repairs are absolutely necessary till his Majesty's pleasure can be known.

Advised and voted, that the Honble Jeremiah Moulton, Esqr, & Benjamin Green, Esqr, be joint treasurers to receive & pay the money for the repairs to be forthwith made at Louisbourg, and that they be each allowed two and an half p^r^ cent for the same.

At a Council of War held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, July 6th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*	
T. CHANDLER, Esqr		S. WALDO, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr		J. DWIGHT, Esqr
S. PITTS, Esqr		J. MOULTON, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr		S. WILLARD, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr		S. GORHAM, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr		S. MOORE, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr		A. BURR, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN		J. STORER, Esqr
J. CHOATE, Esqr		A. NOBLE, Esqr
Wm WILLIAMS, Esqr		N. DONNELL, Esqr

Advized, that, as the Com^tees^ appointed to weigh the vessells & search for and secure the plunder cannot attend that service, the following gen^l^ be chosen to weigh the vessels sunk in this harbour, and to search for and secure all the plunder belonging to the army, taking to their assistance herein a suitable number of men belonging to their respective regiments who are to [be] exempted from doing other duty in the mean time, and to make report of their proceedings as soon as may be.

Of the General's reg^t^	—	Cap. Pearson.
Brig^r^ Waldo's	—	Cap. Richardson.
Col. Burr's	—	Cap. H. King.
Col. Moulton's	—	Lieu^t^ Black.
Col. Willard's	—	Cap. Jn° Warner.
Col. Moore's	—	Cap. Furnell.
Col. Richmond's	—	C^t^ Eastman.
Col. Hale's	—	Cap. Byles.
Col. Gorham's	—	Cap. Cobb.

At a Council of War held at the citadel in the city of Louisbourg, July 9th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*	
N. DONNELL, Esqr		J. DWIGHT, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr		J. MOULTON, Esqr

T. CHANDLER, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr	S. GORHAM, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	J. CHOATE, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
Wm WILLIAMS, Esqr	J. BRADSTREET, Esqr
Mr Wm VAUGHAN	J. STORER, Esqr

Advized, that a committee be appointed to make provision for quartering the officers and other soldiers of the army in the houses of Louisbourg till further order.

That said committee consist of the Majors of the several regiments, and in case of the Major's being absent the eldest captain of that regiment to act in his stead.

That said committee be directed to allot two convenient houses for the commanders of his Majesty's ships and their officers, and one other convenient house for the commanders of the Colony cruizers and their officers.

That the Biscay ship and snow in the harbour be libelled, in order to their regular condemnation in the Court of Admiralty for the benefit of ye army.

That in case of an alarum by the appearance of ships, eighty men out of each regiment, wth suitable officers; be put on board his Majesty's ships in the harbour, for their assistance in resisting any attack from the enemy on the sea side, in case no attack be apprehended by land.

Upon the following petition of Col. John Choate, Lt Colo. Willm Williams, & Major Nath. Thwing, it was resolved that the expedition is not to be deemed at an end, and that Col. Choat's reg^{t} are to be esteem'd part of the army.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The petition:

To the Honble William Pepperrell, Esqr, Lieu^{t} General and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's land forces from New England, in the expedition against the French settlements at Cape Breton and islands adjacent:

The representation and memorial of John Choat, William Williams, and Nath. Thwing, field officers of the eighth regiment raised for said service, humbly sheweth: That on earnest application for that purpose made by your Honour in concert with the Honble Peter Warren, Esqr, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships of war, to the government of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, for raising a number of additional troops to join the said army and assist in the reduction of said settlements and islands, the s^d^ government passed an order for the raising of four hundred men for the s^d^ purpose, for the commanding and ordering of wch in one regiment the subscribers received commissions from his Excellency Wm Shirley, Esqr, Capt General and Commander in Chief of said province, on or about the first day of June last, and accordingly, under the command of ten captains, raised ab^t^ that number of effective voluntiers, and with them were actually proceeding on said expedition before the reduction of the town, city & castles of Louisbourg, and on & about the fifth instant arrived at the harbour of Louisbourg with eight of said companies, and the other two are hourly expected. But so it is, may it please your Honour, to our inexpressible joy, on our arrival we found the s^d^ town, city, & castles of Louisbourg had surrendered to his Majesty's arms, and so the said expedition may be supposed or construed to be over, and of consequence the business of said eighth regiment and the commanding power of said officers, which by their commissions is confined to the expedition, to subside and discontinue, together with the terms and conditions on which said men inlisted, and they deemed no part of said army. Wherefore your memoriallists, in behalf of themselves, their officers and men, pray y^r^ Hon^r^ to determine in your Council of War whether said expedition is over and whether the said eighth regiment are to be considered as no part of the army in the reduction of

said places, that so by y^r^ Honour's leave they may return home, to which they are truly willing, or if it is not over, and they are to be considered a part of the army as aforesaid, they may according to their hearty desire, in obedience to such orders as they shall receive from y^r^ Honour, discharge the duty of their trust with the utmost vigour, and as in duty bound shall pray.

JN° CHOATE.
LOUISBOURG, July 8th, 1745. W^M^ WILLIAMS.
NATH^L^ THWING.

At a Council of War, held by adjournment, at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, July 10th, 1745.

Present The Honble W^M^ PEPPERRELL, Esqr *Presid^t^*

J. BRADSTREET, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
J. STORER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
A. NOBLE, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	S. GORHAM, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
W. WILLIAMS, Esqr	A. BURR, Esqr
	J. CHOATE, Esqr

Advized, that whereas the committee appointed yesterday to make disposition for quartering the army decline that service, the members of the Council, exclusive of the general officers, forthwith proceed to make such disposition.

Advized, that the commissaries be ordered forthwith to purchase rum here, if to be had, or for want thereof brandy sufficient for the army for one month from this time, and draw on the commissary general for the same, also what molosses and provisions of any kind they can purchase here at reasonable rate for bills on the commissary general.

Advized, that the commission officers of each regiment be directed to make choice of some person to be an agent for their respective regiments, and that those

agents choose a Treasurer and Clerk in order to take care of the plunder belonging to the army.

Advized unanimously, that the Biscay ship & snow, after being condemned in the Court of Admiralty, be forthwith sent to France on the acc^{t} of the army, with as many of the French here as they can conveniently carry.

At a Council of War held at the citadel in the city of Louisbourg, July 15th, 1745.

Present	The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*	
N. DONNELL, Esqr		S. WALDO, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr		J. DWIGHT, Esqr
S. PITTS, Esqr		J. MOULTON, Esqr
J. GORHAM, Esqr		S. WILLARD, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr		S. MOORE, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr		A. BURR, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr		J. BRADSTREET, Esqr
J. CHOATE, Esqr		J. STORER, Esqr
W. WILLIAMS, Esqr		A. NOBLE, Esqr

(The Honble Com^{re} Warren being also present.)

Advized, that notes or bills under the hands and seals of Genl Pepperrell and Com^{re} Warren be made to the value of ten thousand pounds, New England currency of the old tenor, to pay off the workmen employed on the repairs till money can be had here to exchange them.

That said notes or bills be of the denomination of 5/, 10/, 15/, 30/, & £3, — two thousand pounds of each, and of the foll^{g} tenor.

(No.) Louisbourg. 1745 (Denomination.)

The possessor of this bill issued for service done on the repairs and for contingent charges of this garrison is intitled to New England currency of the old tenor, from us.

SEAL. Name. SEAL. Name.

That all the bills of each denomination be written by the same hand.

That Jos. Dwight
And. Burr
Wm Williams
Ric^d Gridley
Jn° Storer
} Esq^rs

be a committee to prepare said bills.

That a proclamation be issued, notifying that the possessors of said bills shall have them exchanged at the Treasury here, and prohibiting the altering, counterfeit^g, or forging any of them, or passing them know^g them to be altered, counterfeited or forged, on penalty of the person or persons so offending having one of their ears cut off and paying treble damages upon due conviction.

Advized, that the soldiers employed in loading and in landing wood for the use of this garrison be paid five shill^gs N. E. currency, old tenor, p^r day for their service upon proper certificate from the overseers.

That the commissaries be order'd to purchase fresh provisions for the sick in the army in lieu of their allowance of salt provisions.

At a Council held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, July 20th, 1755.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^t*

J. Storer, Esqr	S. Waldo, Esqr
N. Donnell, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
E. Evelith, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
Jn° Gorham, Esqr	S. Willard, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr	A. Burr, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
W. Williams, Esqr	J. Choate, Esqr
N. Thomas, Esqr	J. Bradstreet, Esqr

Advized, that the members of the Council of War and the Secretary be hereby appointed and authorized to administer all oaths necessary to be taken by any per-

sons in this place in the same manner as his Maj. Justices of ye Peace in civil govern^t^, which advice was approved of by the General.

Advized, that the following oath be taken by the masters of all vessels before they be permitted to sail out of this port, vizt.

You, *A. B.*, do solemnly swear by the name of the Everliving God, the Searcher of all Hearts, that there is not, to the best of your knowledge, on board the (*the vessel's name*) whereof you are master, now bound out of this port any plunder belonging to the army or fleet in this place, and that you will not knowingly carry away any such plunder nor any person or persons belonging to the said army, or to any vessell in this port, who are not lawfully licenced to depart, and that you will faithfully and without any reserve discover and make known to the chief commanding officer here, before you depart out of this port, any such plunder or persons on board your own or any other vessell, or in any other place conceal'd, designed or intended to be transported or carried off as aforesaid. So Help You, God.

That all masters of vessells coming into this port shall pay four shillings sterling each voyage towards defraying the charges of the lighthouse and one shilling sterl^g^ to the commanding officer at the Island Battery.

That the commissaries be ordered to contract wth some baker or bakers to bake up the flour into bread for the army.

Advized unanimously, that as the barracks in this place are not sufficient for the accommodation of the soldiers, a new barrack be built under the direction of his Maj. engineers sufficient for accommodating seven hund^d^ men with their officers.

N. B. By the General's order, the troops lately arrived from Rhode Island & Connetticutt are received into the army.

At a Council of War held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, July 24th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *President.*

A. Noble, Esqr	S. Waldo, Esqr
N. Donnell, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
E. Evelith, Esqr	J. Moulton, Esqr
S. Pitts, Esqr	S. Willard, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	S. Richmond, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	S. Gorham, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	A. Burr, Esqr
N. Thomas, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
R. Gridley, Esqr	J. Choate, Esqr
W. Williams, Esqr	J. Bradstreet, Esqr
	J. Storer, Esqr

Advized, that the agents chosen by the several regiments of this army to take care of the plunder be further impowered to act in respect of said plunder.

That the said agents be accordingly impowered to divide said plunder to and among the persons intitled thereto in such method as the major part of said agents shall agree, or to sell the same at public vendue and cause the produce thereof to be divided in the abovesaid manner, and that said agents be notified that it is the opinion of this Council that it will be most convenient to make a division of said plunder by lot, rather than to make public sale of it.

The Honble S. Waldo, Esqr, enter'd his dissent as follows, vizt.

In behalf of my regiment I dissent to the power proposed to be given the agents for selling the vessels, or any part of the plunder that can be divided, according to the memorial & petition of my regiment.

Louisbourg, July 24th, 1745. S. Waldo.

Advized, that whereas Capt Fletcher has offered to sell for the use of the army the cargo of the schooner lately taken by him, the commissaries be directed to purchase

said cargo at the Boston market price and draw on the commissary general in Boston for the same.

Adjourned to 3 of the clock, P. M.

At a Council held by adjournment as above.

Advized, that the fee appointed to be paid by all masters of vessels towards the support of the lighthouse be received by the Secretary when the permit to pass the Island Battery is given.

That all masters of vessells pay one shilling sterling to the Secretary for each permit given to pass the Island Battery.

That the Island Battery fee be paid at the Island Battery.

At a Council of War held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, July 31st, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr, *Presid^t^*	
J. BRADSTREET, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
A. NOBLE, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
E. EVELITH, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
S. PITTS, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
Wm WILLIAMS, Esqr	S. RICHMOND, Esqr
N. THOMAS, Esqr	J. CHOATE, Esqr
N. MESHARVE, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
R. GRIDLEY, Esqr	A. BURR, Esqr

Whereas several complaints of Capt Cutter's misconduct at Canso have been made to the General,

Advized, that the General forthwith send him express orders to repair to Louisbourg that the grounds of s^d^ complaints may be duly examined into.

Advized, that the commissaries be directed forthwith to purchase one month's further allowance of rum out of any vessells in this harbour (allowing 15/ old t^r^ N. E. curr^y^ p^r^ gall^n^ for N. E. rum) and draw on the commissary general in Boston for the same.

That the commissaries be accordingly directed to repair on board the several vessels in the harbour that have rum on board and secure and land the same for the use of the army, and that the Col. of each regiment supply them with men sufficient to enable them to put this order in execution.

At a Council of War held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg Augt 5th, 1745.

Present The Honble Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, *Presid^{t}*.

S. Pitts, Esqr	S. Waldo, Esqr
J. Gorham, Esqr	J. Dwight, Esqr
E. Evelith, Esqr	S. Willard, Esqr
S. Lothrop, Esqr	S. Richmond, Esqr
N. Mesharve, Esqr	A. Burr, Esqr
N. Thomas, Esqr	S. Moore, Esqr
W. Williams, Esqr	J. Storer, Esqr
	A. Noble, Esqr

Upon the following memorial, vizt.

To the Honble William Pepperrell, Esqr, Lieu^{t} General, and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces in Louisbourg, and the Honble Council of War now in Louisbourg, sheweth that whereas there is in the storehouses here a great quantity of flour, butter, pease, tallow, candlewick, bed jacks, blanketts, belonging to the captors which is apprehended by us will be serviceable to and wanting for the army, and if your Honours think proper to take them, or any part of them, for their use, and order the commissaries here, they taking an account thereof, after being valued by some proper persons whom your Honour shall appoint, to draw upon the commissary general at Boston for pay therefor, that so an equal division may be made among the captors, or order payment for the same some other way as your Honours shall agree upon; this is to inform your Honour that we apprehend that it will be the shortest and best way to make a general satisfaction to

the captors, and most serviceable to the Crown and provinces to whom we belong, and are, gentlemen, your Honours' most obedient and dutiful servants.

By order of the Agents,

JON^{A} BAGLY, *Clerk.*

LOUISBOURG, Augt 5th, 1745.

Advized, that the above proposal be accepted, and the commissaries be order'd to receive the abovementioned goods, after being first apprized by Messrs Wm Winslow, Jeremiah Miller, and Melatiah Bourne, who are to make return into the Secretary's office and take further orders for the payment thereof.

At a Council of War held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, Augt 9th, 1745.

Present	The Honble W^{M} PEPPERRELL, *Presid^{t}*
J. BRADSTREET, Esqr	S. WALDO, Esqr
J. STORER, Esqr	J. DWIGHT, Esqr
A. NOBLE, Esqr	J. MOULTON, Esqr
N. DONNELL, Esqr	S. WILLARD, Esqr
S. PITTS, Esqr	S. RICHMOND, Esqr
W. WILLIAMS, Esqr	S. GORHAM, Esqr
N. THOMAS, Esqr	A. BURR, Esqr
S. LOTHROP, Esqr	S. MOORE, Esqr
	J. CHOATE, Esqr

Advized, that no persons be allowed to keep sutling houses or houses of public entertainment in this place without licence from the General, and that at present not more than six such houses be allowed in the city, & one at the Grand & another at ye Island Battery.

That Brig^{r} Dwight, Col. Storer & Col. Williams be a com^{tee} to examine the acc^{ts} of the persons employ'd in gett^{g} & land^{g} the wood, who are to swear the overseers and certifie to the General & Commodore accordingly.

At a Council of War held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, Septr 10th, 1745.

Present: His Excellency Wm SHIRLEY, Esqr, The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr,

SAM^{L} WALDO, JER. MOULTON, SAM^{L} WILLARD, SHUBAEL GORHAM, SAM^{L} MOORE, JOHN CHOATE, JOHN BRADSTREET, JOHN STORER, NATH^{L} DONNELL, JOHN GORHAM, SIMON LOTHROP, NATH. MESHARVE, Wm WILLIAMS, NATH^{L} THOMAS, Esq^{rs}.

His Excellency acquainted the Council with the intelligence given upon oath this day of a number of ships seen last Wednesday off Cape Sables and a letter from Com^{re} Warren to his Excell^{y}, inclosing the result of a consultation held thereon by the Commodore and his council of officers, and desired their opinion thereon; which being considered and the question put: Whether it would be consistent with the safety of this garrison and the batteries that his Majesty's ships of war now in this harbour under the command of Com^{re} Warren should leave this place whilst they proceed to Annapolis Royal in quest of the said French squadron?

The Council gave their opinion (unanimously) in the affirmative.

The question being also put: Whether it was consistent wth the safety of this place that a number of the troops in this garrison not exceeding six hundred should be permitted to inlist to go on board his Majesty's ships here as marines, to proceed wth them to Annapolis on this occasion and to return to his Maj$^{ty's}$ service here as soon as possible afterwards?

The Council unanimously gave their opinion in the affirmative, and agreed that such a number of men, or as many of them as would go voluntarily upon that service, should be forthwith raised and put on board his Majesty's ships.

At a Council held at the citadell in the city of Louisbourg, Septr 17th, 1745.

Present: His Excellency Wm SHIRLEY, Esqr. The Honble Wm PEPPERRELL, Esqr:

SAM^{L} WALDO, JER. MOULTON, SAM^{L} WILLARD, SYLVESTER RICHMOND, SAM^{L} MOORE, JOHN CHOATE, JN^{o} BRADSTREET, JOHN STORER, NATH^{L} DONNELL, SAM^{L} PITTS, SIMON LOTHROP, NATH. MESHARVE, R. GRIDLEY, Esq^{rs}.

His Excellency having acquainted the Council that he had this day been inform'd that a great number of the soldiers in his Majesty's service in this garrison had combined to lay down their arms the day following, under pretence of some grievances, and it appearing upon inquiry that there is a spirit of discontent very much prevailing in the army, and which there is reason to fear may be immediately attended with very ill consequences without speedy application of some suitable measures for prevention thereof, and it appearing further that the cause of their discontent, besides their being detain'd here so long already, contrary to their expectations when they engaged in the expedition, their prospect of being detain'd a considerable time longer; their being unprovided with cloathing and other necessaries; and their not being paid any part of their wages due, — is their being obliged to continue in the service on the very low pay of 25/ p^{r} month, especially as they have been disappointed of the chief part of the plunder to which they were intituled by his Excellency's proclamation; and the troops here in the pay of the Colony of Connecticutt receive 40/ p^{r} month, new tenour, and those of Rhode Island 50/.

Advized unanimously, that as a necessary means to remove the uneasiness in the army on that account which may otherwise be probably attended with the worst consequences to his Majesty's service and the interest of New England and all the British Northern Colonies, his Excellency would be pleased to declare to the army that the

wages of such of the soldiers in the pay of the province of the Massachusetts Bay as it shall be found necessary to retain in his Majesty's service in this garrison till the next spring shall be after the rate of 40/ new tenour, of the N. E. currency, p^{r} month, from this day till the time of their dismission. And further that his Excellency would be pleased to recommend it in the strongest manner to the government of New Hampshire to raise the wages of the troops here in the pay of that government to the same rate.

At a Council, &c., Septr 24th.

Present: His Excell^{y} Wm SHIRLEY, Esqr. Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t},

S. WALDO, J. MOULTON, S. WILLARD, S. RICHMOND, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, J. STORER, A. NOBLE, Wm WILLIAMS, S. LOTHROP, R. GRIDLEY, N. MESHARVE, S. GORHAM, J. GORHAM, J. CHOATE, Esq^{rs}.

His Excellency desired the opinion of the Council whether it may be prudent and adviseable for his Majesty's service to send a detachment of 300 or 400 of the troops now here (with a number of vessells) to the island of St Johns to destroy the settlements there and remove the inhabitants to New England.

Advized, that Brig^{r} Waldo, Col. Gorham, and Col. Moore be desired to make inquiry into the practicableness of such a proceeding, and what vessells suitable therefor are in this harbour, and, if it appears to them prudent to be attempted, to make the necessary preparations therefor with all possible dispatch.

At a Council, &c., Octr 2nd, 1745.

Present: His Excellency WILL^{M} SHIRLEY, Esqr. Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t},

S. WALDO, J. MOULTON, S. WILLARD, S. RICHMOND, S. GORHAM, J. CHOATE, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, J. STORER, A. NOBLE, S. PITTS, J. GORHAM, W. WILLIAMS, S. LOTHROP, R. GRIDLEY, N. MESHARVE.

His Excellency desired the opinion and advice of the Council relating to the number of soldiers necessary to be retained here for the security of this place from the last of October to the beginning of March next.

Upon which after a debate and consideration of the matter the Council gave their opinion as follows, vizt.

Fourteen of the members, vizt., Sir Wm Pepperrell, Brig^{r} Waldo, Col^{o} Moulton, Willard, Richmond, Gorham, Choate, Lt Col^{o} Storer, Noble, Pitts, Gorham, Williams, Gridley, Mesharve, were of opinion that 2000 men are sufficient and necessary for that purpose.

Col. Moore	1500 men
Col. Bradstreet	3000
Lt Col. Lothrop	2500

His Excellency then inquired of the members of the Council what the present temper and disposition of their respective regiments was, and whether they were of opinion that the last declaration he had made to them and the measures which he had taken for appeasing the spirit of discontent, which he had been informed had lately led great numbers of them into combinations to lay down their arms upon the open parade and refuse doing duty any longer and to insist upon their being immediately dismiss'd from the service, had sufficiently appeased it, or whether it was adviseable for him to take any other, and what, means for that purpose.

Whereupon the Council unanimously declared, that it was their opinion that his Excellency's said declaration and measures had quite appeased the late spirit of discontent, and that the soldiers appeared well satisfied since his declaration to them, saving that many of them were uneasy at their prospect of being detain'd here from their families till spring, and some of them for want of cloaths.

At a Council, &c., Octr 11th, 1745.

Present: His Excellency Wm SHIRLEY, Esqr & Rear Admiral WARREN.

Sr WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}, S. WALDO, J. MOULTON, S. MOORE, J. CHOATE, J. BRADSTREET, J. STORER, A. NOBLE, S. PITTS, J. GORHAM, S. LOTHROP, W. WILLIAMS, N. MESHARVE, R. GRIDLEY, Esq^{rs}.

His Excellency desired the opinion of the Council, Whether it is for his Majesty's interest to continue the garrison at Canso, or have the troops, cannon, and stores there removed this winter?

Whereupon it was unanimously Advized, that the said troops, cannon, and stores be forthwith removed.

The Council further Advized,

That the 42nd rs cannon and their carriages be removed from the Grand Battery into this city so soon as the season shall be past that any shipping of the enemy can be expected, and they be replaced in the said battery early in the spring. (Mem^{o}. Col. Gridley desired his dissent might be noted.)

That there be ten wood vessells retain'd in the service for the wooding this garrison so long as the season will admit.

That there be two small vessells kept as tenders to cruise round this island and carry dispatches as occasion may require, besides those two wch Admiral Warren has taken into the service.

Col. Moore, Col. Bradstreet, and Col. Gorham were appointed to consider of some proper regulation with regard to the consumption of the wood in this garrison, also to prevent the soldiers needless consumption of their ammunition.

Brig^{r} Waldo, Col. Choate, and Col. Bradstreet were also appointed to consider what quantity of each species of provision will be suitable to allow each soldier in this garrison, and make report.

Advised further, that 4000 palisadoes be provided in the best manner, and as soon as may be, for the use of this garrison, and 8000 fascines.

That one man in each comp^{a} be allow'd forthwith to go home on furlo, in order to bring supplies for their fellow soldiers, and return as soon as possible.

W. WILLIAMS, *Secry pro hac vice.*

At a Council held at Louisbourg, November 28th, 1745.

Present: Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}

S. WALDO, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, J. GORHAM, W. WILLIAMS, S. LOTHROP.

The Honble Peter Warren, Esqr, being also present, read to the Council the Duke of Newcastle's late letter to him, and acquainted them that as his commission for the government of this place, mentioned in the said letter, was not yet arrived, he should act in conjunction with General Pepperrell in everything for ye security and good regulation of this place.

Advised, that inasmuch as for want of a proper regulation some persons in this place have demanded an extravagant price for fresh meat, an order be issued out that all fresh meat exposed to sale in this place shall for the future be sold by the pound w^{t}, and that no person shall presume to demand, nor receive, for any fresh beef, mutton, lamb, or porke by them exposed to sale in this place more than at the rate of six pence sterl^{g} p^{r} pound, upon penalty of forfieting the said meat for the use of the sick and ten shillings sterl^{g} for the informer.*

And any member of the Council may try and pass sentence upon any breach of this order upon information given him, and if any of the parties think themselves agreived by his judgm^{t} they may appeal to the next General Council.

This regulation to continue in force till the 1st day of

* See order *post*, p. 73. — EDS.

May next, or till further orders, and publick notice to be given hereof.

Advised further, that for the regulation of such persons as shall be allowed to keep sutling houses or to retail spirituous liquors in this place, they be enjoined on forfieture of their licence, and suffering such other penalty as shall be thought proper, not to demand or receive for the following liquors more than the rates thereto annexed, vizt.

Rum by retail from ½ a gill to 1 gall^{n}		5/ sterl^{g} p^{r} gall^{n}
Madeira Wine	do	8/
Claret Wine	do	4/
Syder	do	3^{d} p^{r} quart
Half a pint of rum wth beer & sugar (*flip*)		6^{d} p^{r} quart
Half a pint of do wth water & sugar (punch)		6^{d} p^{r} quart

At a Council, &c., Decr 6th, 1745.

Present Sr Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}

S. WALDO, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, J. GORHAM, S. LOTHROP, W. WILLIAMS.

The Honble Rear Admiral Warren being also present.

It appearing that Catharine Farrell, alias McMahone, alias Sweet, at present residing in this place is a person of a notorious bad character, and in particular it appear^{s} to ye Council that she has been guilty of ye crime of adultery by being married to two men in this garrison, both here at this time,

Advised, that she be whipt 20 lashes at the cart-tail to-morrow at one of ye clock at ye parade & water side, and then be put out of ye garrison.

Mem^{o}, she plead^{g} her belly the whipping was omitted.

At a Council, &c., December 11th, 1745.

Present Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}.

S. WALDO, S. MOORE, S. GORHAM, J. BRADSTREET, S. LOTHROP, W. WILLIAMS.

The Honble P. Warren, Esqr, being also present.

Advised, that in consideration of our constant dependence upon the favour and blessing of Almighty God for the continuance of all our mercies, both of a publick and private nature, and for the averting those judgments wch our sins have most righteously deserved (and especially on acc^t^ of ye great sickness and mortality prevailing in this garrison) Wednesday, the 18th ins^t^, be observed as a day of publick fasting and prayer in this place.*

Advised, that in consideration of ruinous condition of the houses in this city and the inconvenience of the soldiers' being quartered therein, barracks be built as soon as may be for 2000 men more wth their officers.

At a Council, &c., Decr 28th, 1745.

Present Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.

S. WALDO, S. GORHAM, S. MOORE, W. WILLIAMS, and E. GOODRICH, Esq^rs^.

The General having communicated to the Council a certain scandalous writing or libell tending to sedition and mutiny in this garrison, directed to the Honble Sir P. Warren, Esqr., &c., and to Sir Wm Pepperrell, K^t^ Baronett, &c., and stiled the submissive address of all the Irish soldiers and inferiour officers in the city of Louisbourg, not signed by any person but owned (before the aforesaid gentlemen) by one John Ryan to have been written by him, and the said Ryan being a person strongly suspected to be of Popish principles, and he not being in his Majesty's service in this garrison, and lately belonged to the sea service on board the Shirley Galley, John Rous, commander,

Advised, that the Honble Admiral Warren be desired to give orders that he may be received on board of one of his Majesty's ships in this port till there shall be opportunity to send him from hence.

* See the proclamation *post*, p. 74. — EDS.

At a Council, &c., December 30th, 1745.

Present Sir Willm Pepperrell, Bar^t.

S. Waldo, S. Gorham, S. Moore, S. Lothrop, W. Williams, & E. Goodrich, Esq^rs.

The General laid before the Council an acc^t of sundries amount^g to £2280. 8. 8 sterl^g delivered by the agents for the army to the commissary & storekeeper of ye warlike stores for the use of this garrison, and desired their opinion whether all the articles therein specified were necessary to be purchased for his Majesty's service here.

Which the Council were of opinion were necessary to be purchased for that purpose.

At a Council, &c., Jan^ry 8th, 1745.

Present Sr Wm Pepperrell, Bar^t.

S. Waldo, S. Gorham, S. Moore, S. Lothrop, W. Williams, & E. Goodrich, Esq^rs.

Advised that Admiral Warren and ye General be desired to send a vessell express to England forthwith to inform of ye sickly state of this garrison, &c., and to write to ye several Governours in ye Colonies on the same affair.

Mem^o. Appointed to take care of ye wreck'd goods: Mr Winslow, Mr Shipton, Mr Mumford, Capt Bourne, Mr Whiting.*

At a Council held at Louisbourg, Jan^ry 20th, 1745.

Present Sir Wm Pepperrell, Bar^t, *President.*

Brig^r Waldo, Col. Gorham, Col. Moore, Col. Bradstreet, Col. Lothrop, Col. Williams, Col. Goodrich.

Advised, that the goods saved from ye wreck of the ship Rousby be apprized upon oath by three persons of skill & reputation, and that they be then sold by publick vendue by the persons before appointed to take care of them.

* See the order to them *post*, p. 81 — Eds.

Capt Tidmarsh, Capt Seager, & Mr Isaacs to apprize said goods.

Advised, that all persons who have been upon the wreck of ye Rousby be sworn concerning ye goods saved.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, Feb^{ry} 8th, 1745.

Present Sr Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}.
S. WALDO, S. MOORE, S. LOTHROP, J. GORHAM, W. WILLIAMS, E. GOODRICH.

Advised, that the Captains of ye several companies in this garrison take from the commissaries their men's allowance weekly, and distribute the same to their men as their circumstances require, vizt., *either their well or sick allowance.*

Advised, that Wm Piggot be allowed to keep a house of public entertainment in this city.

Advised, that a burying ground be laid out without the West Gate, and no persons be suffered to bury the dead elsewhere, and that all graves be dug at least 3 feet deep below ye surface of ye ground.

Advised, that the persons appointed to take care of the wreck goods of ye Rousby be directed to give an acc^{t} of what the goods saved sold for, also an acc^{t} of how many men were employed in saving them, and what time they were on that service, in order to settle ye salvage.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, Feb^{ry} 10th, 1745.

Present The Honble Lieu^{t} General PEPPERRELL.
Lt Col. GORHAM Brigadier WALDO
Lt Colo. WILLIAMS. Colonel MOORE
Colonel LOTHROP

The General communicated to the Council a vote of the Honble General Court of the Province of the Mass^{ts} Bay relating to a quantity of fresh provisions, &c., sent for the sick officers and soldiers here in ye pay of that

province, and desired their advice as to the best method of distributing the same in an *equal and exact* manner, agreable to the intention of ye said vote.

Whereupon it was unanimously Advised, that the General comitt the care of ye said fresh provisions to the commissaries to be by them delivered out to the Captains (or other chief command^g^ officers) of the several companies (of ye forces in ye pay of the s^d^ province in this garrison) in proportion to ye numbers of ye sick in their respective companies, giving a rec^t^ to ye commissaries therefor, and that the s^d^ Captains and other officers who shall receive the same be strictly enjoined to make distribution thereof among their sick in an equal & exact manner according to ye intention of the aforementioned vote.

At a Council at Louisbourg, Feb^ry^ 18th, 1745.

Present The Honble Sr Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.
S. WALDO, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, S. LOTHROP, J. GORHAM, W. WILLIAMS, Esq^rs^.

Advised, that orders be given to the commanding officer at ye West Gate guard to take one foot, cord measure, of wood from every *horse* sled load bro^t^ into ye city, and that the same be equally distributed to ye several guards and the hospital every evening, and that every regiment get wood for themselves.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, Feb^ry^ 28th, 1745.

Present The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.
S. WALDO, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, S. LOTHROP, Wm WILLIAMS, Esq^rs^.

Upon a representation made by John Franklin that a certain parcel of money was some time past committed to his care by Thomas Redwood, lately belonging to his Majesty's ship Superbe, who died in this place the 5th

day of Novr last, and that he the said Franklin, being some time after taken sick, gave the key of his room and chest where said money was to one John Evans, one of the soldiers from New England, and that when said Evans return'd him the key of his chest he found that part of said money was taken away, and the said Evans being also since dead such a parcel of money was found in his chest, which he presumed could be made to appear to be undoubtedly the beforementioned money, & desired to have a hearing on ye affair, and sundry evidences on both sides appear^{g} before ye Council, & being sworn and examined on the affair, the Council were of opinion that it appeared by ye evidence given that the money found in the chest of the afores^{d} Evans, being 4 dou, dou, loons, 3 36 shill^{g} pieces, 2 guineas, 5 pistoles, and 9 half pistoles, was the aboves^{d} money belonging to ye aforementioned Thos Redwood, and ought to be delivered to ye proper officer of the ship to wch he lately belong'd, for ye use of his widow & children or other lawfull heirs.

The General communicated to the Council a letter from Capt Bastide, desiring leave to inlist men for Col. Shirley's reg^{t} out of the troops here.

The Council advised, that all such inlistments be deferr'd for the present, in order first to receive Govr Shirley's letter to ye General relating ye same, mention'd in Col. Ellison's letter to Mr Bastide.

At a Council at Louisbourg, March 5th, 1745.

Present The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}
S. WALDO, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, J. GORHAM, S. LOTHROP.
The Honble Adm^{l} Warren being also present.

Advised, that the men be removed out of the barracks into the houses in order to have ye barracks cleans'd and repair'd for ye reception of the troops expected.

That an officer from each regim^{t} be appointed to

attend ye barrack master, to visit the houses, and provide room for ye reception of the men now in the barracks.*

Maj^r^ Titcomb, Maj^r^ Gardner, Capt Hale, Capt Smithson, Capt Cobb, & Capt Cheney were appointed for that service.

At a Council at Louisbourg, March 6th, 1745.

Present: The Honble Sr Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.
S. WALDO, S. MOORE, J. BRADSTREET, & S. LOTHROP, Esq^rs^.
The Honble Admiral Warren being also present.

Advised, that the vessells in this port that are suitable to fetch wood from ye adjacent ports of this island be taken up and employ'd in that service. That three dollars p^r^ cord be given for all wood brought by any such vessells as are not in the pay of the government, and one dollar p^r^ cord for all wood brought by vessells in ye pay of the government, said dollar p^r^ cord to be divided among all the men on board, the master to have 4 shares.

Mem^o^ added below.

Mem^o^. To allow ye masters of vessells for carrying French persons to New Engl^d^, viz., for vessells in ye pay of ye govern^t^ one dollar for each; for vessels not in ye pay of ye govern^t^ two dollars for each.

Mem^o^ added to ye above relating wood

Besides w^ch^, the Admiral promis'd to give one dollar p^r^ cord the first trip for encouragement, and it was agreed that one dollar p^r^ cord should be divided among all the persons on board for ye wood brought by such vessels [as] are not in the pay of the province (the master having four shares as in those in ye pay of ye province.)

* See the order *post*, p. 85. — EDS.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, March 10th, 1745.

Present Sr Wm Pepperrell, Bart.

S. Waldo, S. Moore, J. Bradstreet, J. Gorham, & S. Lothrop, Esqrs.

The Honble Admiral Warren being also present.

Advised, that the cannon at the Grand Battery be remounted as soon as may be, and said battery be put in fighting order.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, March 11th, 1745.

Present Sir William Pepperrell, Bart.

S. Waldo, S. Moore, J. Bradstreet, J. Gorham, & S. Lothrop, Esqrs.

The Honble Admiral Warren being also present.

Complaint being made to the Council by Jon^{a} Oak, Wm Coy, and Wm Piggot against Capt Peircey, representing that on ye 10th day of March, 1745, at ye house of Thos Poor, inholder in this city, they heard the said Peircey drink an *health to the Pretender*, &c. The parties were summon'd before the Council, and several evidences on both sides being sworn and examined, it appear'd that s^{d} complaint was founded on a misapprehension of s^{d} Peircy's words and that the health drank by him was *Long life to the Potatoes.*

At a Council held at Louisbourg, March 26th, 1746.

Present The Honble Sir Wm Pepperrell, Bart.

S. Moore, J. Bradstreet, J. Gorham, S. Lothrop, & Wm Williams, Esqrs.

(The Honble Admiral Warren being also present.)

Advised, that one half of the value of the goods saved from the wreck of the Rousby be allowed for salvage.

That a general court martial be called for ye tryal of John Irving for striking Docr Robt Keath, who was found soon after dead in his bed.

That the houses and streets of this city be forthwith cleansed, and that the inhabitants of each house clean round the same, and that the dirt be carryed out of the city, and that ye Colonel of each reg^t^ appoint one or more suitable persons to do the same, and also to cut canals round ye houses to drain off the melted snow water &c.*

That no acc^ts^ for work done in this place be allowed & paid by ye Genl & Adm^l^ but where s^d^ work was done by their order; and that no corporal punishm^t^ be inflicted on any in ye army w^th^out their knowledge.†

At a Council held at Louisbourg, April 10th, 1746.

Present The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.

Brig^r^ WALDO, Col's MOORE, LOTHROP, BRADSTREET, GORHAM, WILLIAMS.

(The Honble Adm^r^ Warren being also present.)

Advised, that in consideration of the necessity of some good houses of public entertainment within this city for ye accommodation of the gen^l^ officers expected here, the large house at the northeast corner of the parade be repair'd for that purpose, and that Mr Withered be allowed to improve it as a tavern during pleasure, and that the com^tee^ appointed to quarter ye soldiers remove the men now in said house.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, April 12th, 1746.

Present The Honble Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Baronet.

Brig^r^ WALDO, Col^e^ MOORE, LOTHROP, BRADSTREET, WILLIAMS, GORHAM, GOODRICH.

(The Honble Admiral Warren being also present.)

In order to prevent uneasiness and disputes about the houses and lands within this city:

Advised, that inasmuch as application has been made to his Majesty by the Honble Peter Warren & Sir W^m^

* See the order *post*, p. 85. — EDS.

† See the order *post*, p. 86. — EDS.

Pepperrell that he would be graciously pleas'd to signifie his royal pleasure relating to the distribution of the houses and lands of this acquisition, to wch they have not yet rec^d^ his Majesty's answer, the s^d^ houses & land remain to the captors of the acquisition and that no other persons possess or occupy the same but by leave from the commanders in chief & the Council.

And whereas the present barracks are not sufficient for ye reception of ye troops expected,

Advised, that suitable houses be improved for their accommodation till ye new barracks are built. But that none of the officers who were on the expedition shall be obliged to remove out of any part of houses now in their own occupation without the further determination of the commanders in chief & the Council, untill his Majesty's pleasure is known.

Upon a petition of the agents of the several regiments of ye army setting forth

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Advised that each regiment choose a suitable person to be a committee to examine ye acco^ts^ of ye s^d^ agents and to make report to ye Council.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, April 13th, 1746.

Present The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.

Brig^r^ WALDO, Col^o^ MOORE, LOTHROP, BRADSTREET, GORHAM, WILLIAMS and GOODRICH.

(The Honble Adm^l^ Warren being also present.)

John Crawley, a private centinel in Brig^r^ Waldo's regiment having been committed to the guard by Lieu^t^ John Shaw for (as the committment says) drinking the Pretender's health. The said Crawley was brought before the Council and several witnesses being sworn and examined, it appear'd to the Council, that upon King George's health being drank Crawley ask'd in Irish, Whether that

was the health of Philip ye Fifth & the forlorn child? or said, It was not, &c.

Advised, that s^d^ Crawley be sent back to the guard to be put in irons, and be try'd by a General Court Martial.

And that Welch be try'd by a Court Martial for cutting loose ye s^d^ Crawley when bound at the guard.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, Aprill 23rd, 1746.

Present The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.
Brig^r^ Genl WALDO, Colonels MOORE, LOTHROP, BRADSTREET, WILLIAMS and GOODRICH.
(The Honble Adm^l^ Warren being also present.)

Advised, that the Council inform themselves what officers the barracks at the citadell and the Grand and Island Batterys will accommodate, and appoint suitable houses for the reception of the others, and in order thereto that they remove any persons now in possession that they judge needfull.

Advised, that Col. Moore, Col. Lothrop, and Col. Goodrich be a com^tee^ to examine into the complaint of Abr^m^ Isaac against Wm Rogers, &c.

Adjourned to Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, Aprill 28th, 1746.

Present: The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^t^.
Brig^r^ WALDO, Col. MOORE, Col. BRADSTREET, Col. WILLIAMS, Col. GOODRICH.
(The Honble Admiral Warren being also present.)

Advised, that the following prices be allowed and paid here for the following articles, for four months from the date hereof, vizt.

For good merch^a^ pine boards three pounds ten shill^gs^ sterl^g^ p^r^ thous^d^. and for ranging timber in proportion.

for good merch^{a} clapboards £4 p^{r} M.
for do shingles 16/ p^{r} M.
for do bricks 40/ pr M.
Adjourn'd 'till to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

At a Councill held at Louisbourg, Aprill 29th, 1746.

Present: The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}.
Brig^{r} WALDO, Col^{o} MOORE, BRADSTREET, LOTHROP, WILLIAMS, and GOODRICH.
(The Honble Adm^{l} WARREN being also present.)

Advised, that two or three vessells be sent as soon as possible to St Johns, to order the inhabitants to hold themselves in a readiness to evacuate the s^{d} island, agreable to ye terms of the capitulation, and to bring away as many of the chief of them as they can.

Advised, that as a number of small arms that are expected from England are not arrived, the storekeeper be order'd to receive from ye command^{g} officers of the several comp^{as} all the serviceable small arms belonging to any of the Colonies that they shall bring in, he giving them a rec^{t} for the same, to be redelivered to ye order of ye respective governments to which they belong when this place is otherways sufficiently supplied.

Advised, that a General Court Martial be called for the tryal of Jedediah Curtland and Jno Buckley now under arrest on suspicion of hav^{g} counterfeited dollars.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, Aprill 30th, 1746.

Present The Honble Sir Wm PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}.
Brig^{r} WALDO, Col^{o} MOORE, BRADSTREET & WILLIAMS.
(The Honble Adm^{l} Warren being also present.)

Advised, that as no establishment is yet come to hand for the victualling the troops arrived from Gibraltar they be victualled as they were on board ye transports till his Maj. directions shall be known or till further orders.

gardens that may be tho[t] necessary by the commanders in chief to have inclosed.

Advised, that all fines arising from the breach of the public orders of this garrison (excepting such part of them as belongs to y[e] informer) be appropriated for the settling such poor people in this garrison as shall be thought proper by the commander in chief and the Council, in w[ch] the preference is to be given to such persons as were on the expedition, and are inlisted into either of the new American regiments and have families here.

At a Council held at Louisbourg, May 10th, 1746.

Present: The Hon[ble] Sir W[m] PEPPERRELL, Bar[t].

Brig[r] WALDO, Colonels MOORE, CHOATE, BRADSTREET, WILLIAMS, and GOODRICH.

(The Hon[ble] Adm[l] Warren being also present.)

The affair of evacuating the island of S[t] Johns being taken under consideration,

Advised, that the two vessels lately advis'd to be sent to S[t] Johns to summon the inhabitants to hold themselves in a readiness to evacuate it agreable to the capitulation, and to bring off as many of y[e] chief of them as they could, be sent accordingly, as soon as possible, and that a number of other vessels sufficient to bring off all the inhabitants be got ready to follow them, and that it be recommended to the Hon[ble] Admiral Townsend to send a ship of force to convoy them, and that all the American troops here that are fit for duty, and that are not inlisted in the new regiments, be sent in the aforesaid vessels to destroy the settlements on said island, and from thence to return home to New England.

Minutes of some Councils held at Louisbourg after the arrival of Mr Warren's commission for the government.

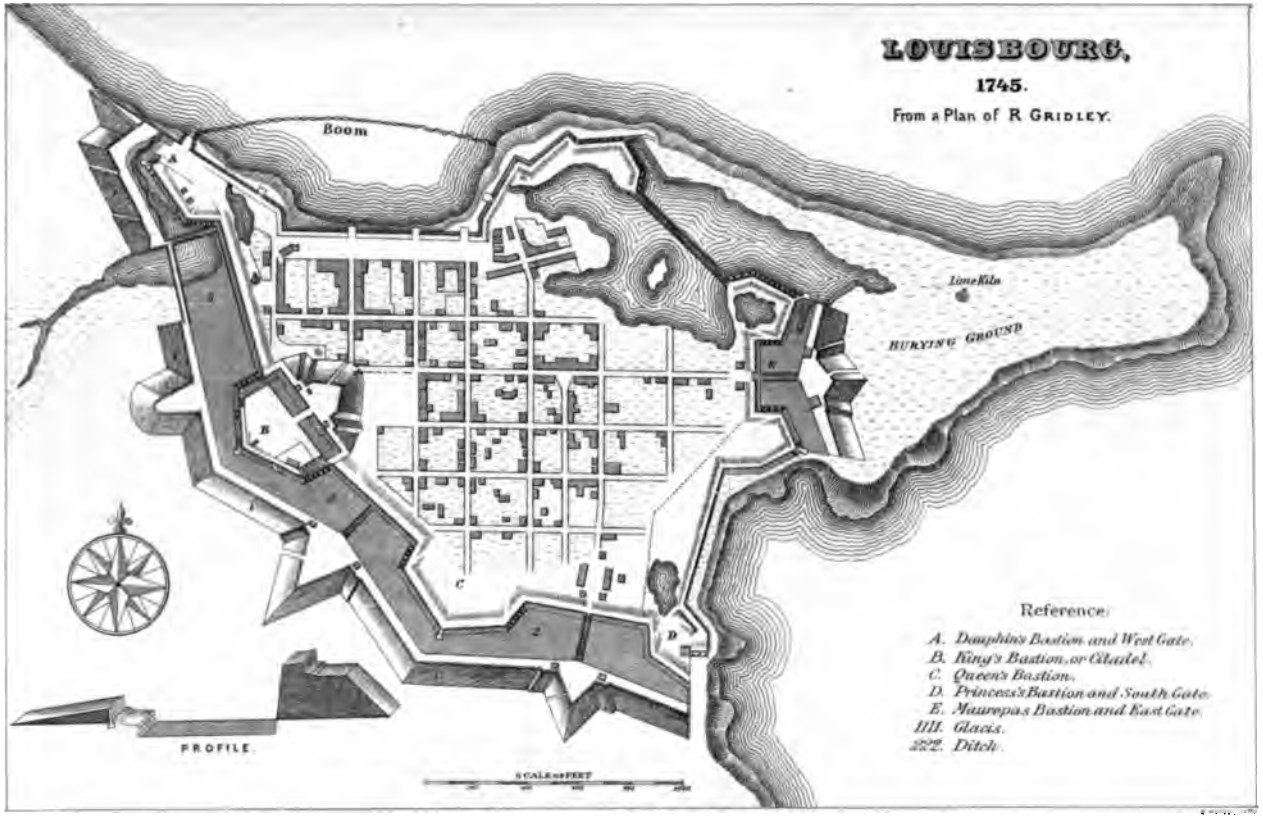
At a Council held at Louisbourg, May 16th, 1746.

Present:	His Excellency PETER WARREN, Esqr
Admiral TOWNSEND	Sir Wm PEPPERRELL
Col. WARBURTON	Brig^r^ WALDO
Lt Col. HOSMAR	Col. MOORE
Lt Col. HOBSON	Col. BRADSTREET
Maj^r^ MERCER	Col. LOTHROP
	Lt Col. NOBLE
	Lt Col. WILLIAMS
	Lt Col. GOODRICH

His Excellency acquainted the Council that the reason of his having desired them to convene at this time was, that whereas the public faith of the several American Colonies who have troops within this garrison is engaged for the said troops, their relief and discharge by the first day of the present month, or as soon as the garrison should be otherwise sufficiently secured; and as the Gibraltar troops are now arrived here, and there are also above four hundred men of the new levies for the two American regiments now on the spot, and a considerable number more dayly expected, and a squadron of his Majesty's ships under command of the Honble Admiral Townsend being also in this port, and as many of the New Eng^d^ troops are inhabitants of the frontier parts there which are in danger from the Indian enemy, they would be pleas'd to give their opinion, whether it is consistent with his Majesty's service in the security of this acquisition and adviseable that the said troops should be discharg'd, and sent home as soon as vessels can be got ready for their transportation.

Upon which the Council gave their opinion unanimously, that it is consistent with his Majesty's service in

the security of this acquisition and adviseable that the New England troops now in this place (who have not inlisted into his Majesty's service) be discharg'd & sent home as soon as vessels can be got ready for their transportation.


LOUISBOURG,
1745.
From a Plan of R GRIDLEY.
Boom
Lime Kiln
BURYING GROUND
PROFILE
SCALE of FEET
Reference:
A. Dauphin's Bastion and West Gate.
B. King's Bastion, or Citadel.
C. Queen's Bastion.
D. Princess's Bastion and South Gate.
E. Maurepas Bastion and East Gate.
IIII. Glacis.
ZZZ. Ditch.

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Ratification of the terms of Capitulation [illegible] [illegible]cluded on for the surrender of Lewisbourg & te[illegible] adjacent to the obedience of his Brittanick Ma[illegible] June 16[illegible] 1745, O. S.

On the part of his Most Christian Majesty it is agreed & consented that the city of Lewisbourg on the island of Cape Breton, with the fortifications & batteries thereof, also the fortifications, batteries & territories adjacent, together with all the artillery, arms, & stores of war thereunto belonging be forthwith surrendered & delivered up to ye obedience of the Crown of Great Britain, & that all the subjects of his Brittanick Majesty who are prisoners in Lewisbourg shall be immedi[illegible] [illegible] & that none of the officers, soldiers, nor [illegible] in Lewisbourg who are subjects of the French K[illegible] shall take up arms against his Brittanick Majesty, nor any of his allies untill after the expiration of the full term of twelve months from this time.

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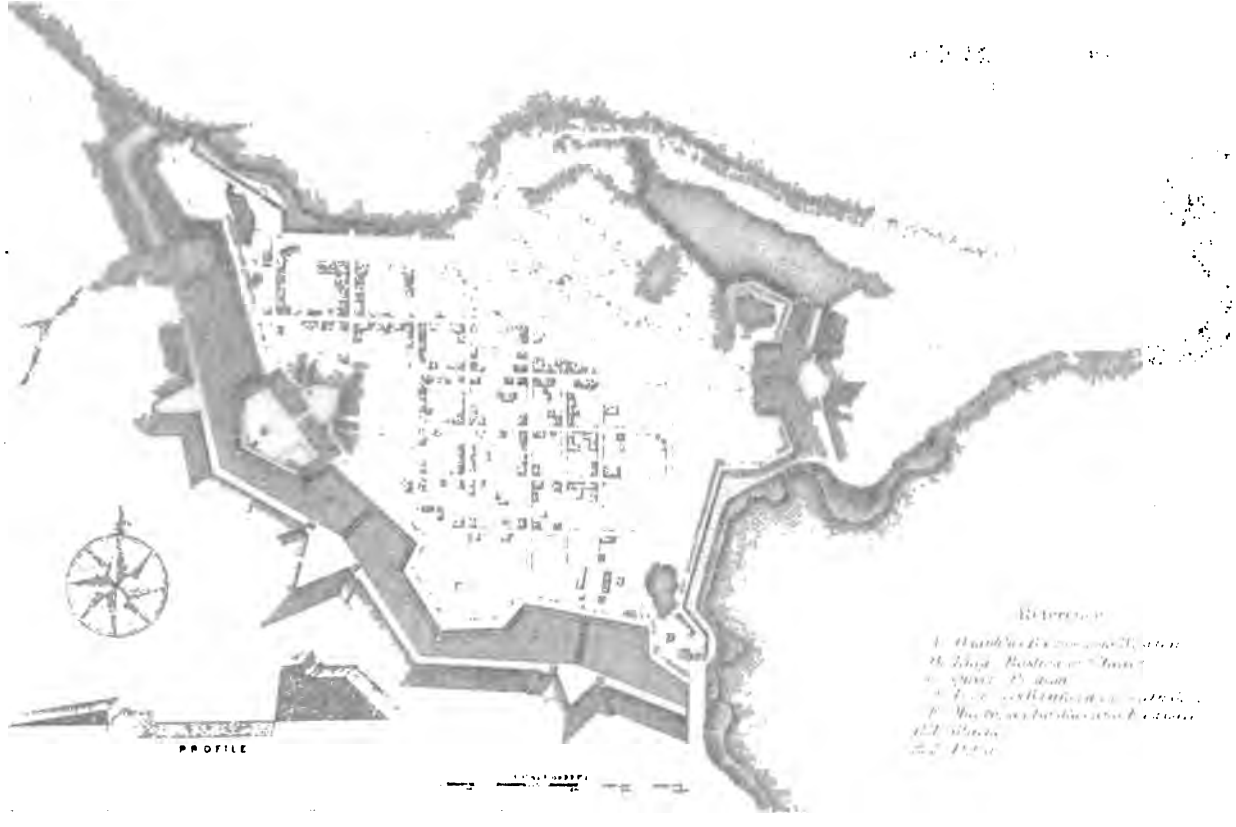
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COPY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE CAPITULATION MADE FOR THE SURRENDER OF LOUISBOURG AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, &C.

Ratification of the terms of Capitulation made & concluded on for the surrender of Lewisbourg & territories adjacent to the obedience of his Brittanick Majesty, June 16th, 1745, O. S.

On the part of his Most Christian Majesty it is agreed & consented that the city of Lewisbourg on the island of Cape Breton, with the fortifications & batteries thereof, also the fortifications, batteries & territories adjacent, together with all the artillery, arms, & stores of war thereunto belonging be forthwith surrendered & delivered up to ye obedience of the Crown of Great Britain, & that all the subjects of his Brittanick Majesty who are prisoners in Lewisbourg shall be immediately deliv^d^ up, & that none of the officers, soldiers, nor inhabitants in Lewisbourg who are subjects of the French King shall take up arms against his Brittanick Majesty, nor any of his allies untill after the expiration of the full term of twelve months from this time.

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On the part of his Brittanick Majesty it is agreed & consented that upon s^{d} surrender & due performance of every article of the afores^{d} premises to be made & compleated as soon as possible, the following articles shall be allowed & granted, viz.

That all the subjects of the French King now in s^{d} city & territory shall be treated with the utmost humanity & have their personal estates secured to them & have liberty to transport themselves & s^{d} effects to any part of the French King's dominions in Europe.

That if the vessells in the harbour of Lewisbourg belonging to the French there shall be found insufficient for the transportation of their persons & proposed effects to France, such a further number shall be provided on his Britannick Majesty's acco^{t} as may be sufficient for that purpose, also any provisions necessary for the voiage that they cannot furnish themselves with.

That all the commission officers belonging to the garrison & the inhabitants of the town may remain in their houses with their familys & enjoy the free exercise of their religion, & no person shall be suffer'd to misuse or molest any of them, till such time as they can conveniently be transported to France.

That the non-commission officers & soldiers shall immediately upon the surrender of the town & fortresses be put on board some of his Brittanick Majesty's ships till they can also be transported to France.

That all the sick & wounded now in Lewisbourg, subjects of the French King shall be taken care of in the same manner with those of his Britanick Majesty.

That the commander-in-chief now in the garrison shall have leave to send off two cover'd waggons, to be inspected only by one officer of his Brittanick Majesty's that no warlike stores be contain'd therein.

That if there are any persons in the town or garrison who shall desire not to be seen by the English they shall be permitted to go off mask'd.

That the troops of the French King now in Lewisbourg may march out of the garrison with their arms & colours, and be then deliver'd to the English till said troops arrive in France, at which time to have them returned to them.

In witness whereof we the subscribers have hereunto interchangeably set our hands & seals in the city of Lewisbourg upon the island of Cape Breton, this 20th day of June, 1745, O. S.

SEAL. P. WARREN. SEAL. DU CHAMBON.

SEAL. W. PEPPERRELL.

ORDERS TO Mr DUPONG, COMMANDING OFFICER AT St JOHN'S.

LOUISBOURG July 20th, 1745.

SR, — Pursuant to the Capitulation made with Monsr Du Chambon for the surrender of Louisbourg & the territories thereunto belonging the 16th June last, whereby we have agreed to transport him, the troops & inhabitants of the sd island & territories to France. It is therefore our express orders to you to repair forthwith to this harbour, bringing with you Goutain, the priests, & all the troops under your command, to be transported to France as above. We are, Sr,

Your humle servts

W. P. P. W.

To Mr DUPONG, Comandt Officer at St John's.

PERMISSION FOR THE INHABITANTS OF St JOHNS TO REMAIN THERE.

To all whom it may concern: We having taken into consideration the humble memorial and representation of the inhabitants of the island of St Johns desiring per-

mission to remain on that island, &c., we do hereby consent & grant leave that the s^{d} inhabitants of the island of St Johns may remain there in possession of their land & estates until further orders, upon condition that in the mean time the s^{d} inhabitants shall behave themselves in all respects as loyall & faithfull subjects of the Crown of Great Britain (except only that they shall not be obliged to take up arms against the French) & that they shall accordingly at all times give faithfull & early notice to his Majesty's Governour or other commander in chief here of any hostile designs or attempts of the French, or any other of his Majesty's enemies, against his crown & dignity or the peace & welfare of any of his subjects, & perticularly against this place, so far as shall come to their knowledge; and that they shall not erect nor suffer to be erected any fortification nor place of arms on s^{d} island; and that they shall not supply any of his Majesty's enemies with any provisions, stores, nor assistance of any kind whatsoever; & that upon the appearance of any of his Majesty's enemies among them or notice of any attempt design'd against this place or Nove Scotia by any of his Majesty's enemies, the s^{d} inhabitants shall immediately send their arms & warlike stores & six of their principal inhabitants as hostages to this place, to be kept here so long as the commander-in-chief here shall think it necessary, & further that they use their best endeavours to bring the Indians now in the interest of the French to behave in a peacable & frindly manner towards the English, & to trade with them, taking all opportunitys to assure them that they will be kindly treated by the English, & further that they shall forthwith send to this city all the live stock & other provisions, stores, & refreshment that are on s^{d} island more than are necessary for their own comfortable subsistance for which they shall be paid at a reasonable rate, and that one of the principal inhabitants of the s^{d} island shall

remain here as an hostage for the performance of the above mentioned conditions. And further that whereas by the terms of the Capitulation made 16th day of June last for the surrender of Louisbourg & its dependancies to the obedience of his Brittanick Majesty, it was agreed that none of the inhabitants of s[d] city or territories depending thereon should take up arms against his s[d] Majesty during the term of twelve months from the date of the s[d] Capitulation, the afores[d] inhabitants of the island of S[t] Johns shall strictly observe the same on penalty of the utmost rigour of war.

Given under our hands at Louisbourg, the 30th day of Sept[r], 1745.

W[M] PEPPERRELL. P. WARREN. W. SHIRLEY.

We the subscribers in behalf of ourselves & the rest of the inhabitants of the island of S[t] Johns do hereby testify our free & thankfull acceptance of the before written permission granted to the inhabitants of the s[d] island to remain there till further orders on the conditions therein expressed.

Witness our hands at Louisbourg, Octo[r] 3rd, 1745.

J. B. VECOR.

his
LOUIS + BOQUIT.
mark.

his
MICHIL + DE LAYALL.
mark.

his
BAPTISTE + GALLAN
mark.

his
DAVID + DESPOIR.
mark.

BERNARD.

Proposals to the Indians of St Johns.

To the Chief of the Indians residing on the island of St Johns

Whereas the island of St Johns, being part of the territory depending on the late government of Cape Breton or Isle Royale, is now subjected to the obedience of his Britannic Majesty; we being willing out of a friendly disposition towards you to accept of your submission to such pacific measures as may consist with the honour of his Majesty & the safety of his subjects, & to prevent the effusion of blood & the repetition of such acts of cruelty as may probably ensue in the course of the war. We do therefore now send this declaration to you by M^r^ [*blank*] to let you know that if you or any number of you think fit to come to us or one of us at Louisbourg as soon as may be, we will receive you in a friendly manner & will consider of such terms of accommodation as you shall lay before us, & shall act thereon as shall be for his Majesty's service. And if your offers of peace shall not be agreeable, you shall have liberty to return in safety to your home again.

Louisbourg, Octo^r^ 31st, 1745.

P. W. W. P.

Orders not to take off Ballast from the Beach, &c.

Louisbourg, July 13th, 1745.

By P. Warren, &c., &
Wm Pepperrell, &c.

All masters of ships & vessells & all other persons are hereby strictly forbidden to take off any ballast from any part of the beach between the east part of the town wall & the northwest gate on that side next the harbour, or to throw over any shingle ballast, stones, dirt, or any rubbish that will sink in any part of the harbour on penalty of being severely punished therefor.

P. Warren.
W. Pepperrell.

Order for Plan of a Shead Barrack.

Louisbourg, July 20th, 1745.

Sr, — We finding it absolutely necessary to build for the present a barrack shed to lodge part of our troops that are now in this garrison, to preserve them from the inclemency of the ensuing winter; we therefore desire you will give a plan for one capable of lodging seven hundred men, & we will direct your being furnished with workmen, tools & all proper materials for carrying on the sd work with the utmost dispatch. We are, Sr,

Yr humb servts.

W. P. P. W.

To J. H. Bastide, Esqr, his Majty's Chief Enginr.

Order to draw on B. Green for Payment for the Repairs.

Louisbourg, Novemr 1st, 1745.

Sir, — His Grace the Duke of Newcastle having directed us to proceed in making the payments for the necessary repairs & other charges of this garrison, in the manner we had begun to do, you will be pleased to draw on Benja Green, Esqr (being by us appointed for that service) for the payment of such bills & accots as belong to your branch to pass upon, such drafts to be approvd by us before payment is made. We are, Sr,

Your humb servts.

W. P. P. W.

To J. H. Bastide, Esqr, &c.

Order for regulating the Price of Fresh Provisions.

Louisbourg, Decemr 2d, 1745.

Public Notice is hereby given, that inasmuch as some persons in this place do demand an extravagant & unreasonable price for fresh meat by them expos'd to sale, we

have tho't it proper & necessary for the good of his Majesty's subjects here to order, & it is accordingly hereby ordered, that all fresh meat exposed to sale in this place shall be sold by weight (poultry excepted) & that no person shall from this time until the 1st of May next demand or receive for any fresh meat, mutton, lamb, or pork more than at the rate of 6^{d} sterl^{g} ℔ pound, on penalty of forfeiting s^{d} meat for the use of the sick & ten shilling sterl^{g} to the informer.

W. P. P. W.

Proclamation for a Fast.

By the Honourable Peter Warren, Esqr, &c.,
and Sir William Pepperrell, Baronet, &c.

A Proclamation for a Public Fast.

In consideration of our constant dependance upon the favour and blessing of Almighty God, for the continuance of all our mercies, both of a public & private nature, and for the averting those judgments which our sins have most righteously deserved at his hands, we have tho't fit to order & appoint Wednesday, the eighteenth of this ins^{t} Decem^{r}, to be religiously observed as a day of publick prayer & fasting throughout the army & navy in this place, humbly to beseech of Almighty God that he would be graciously pleas^{d} to preserve the life & health of our rightfull & most gracious sovereign, King George, together with the lives & health of their Royall Highnesses, Frederick, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, the Duke, the Princesses, the issue of the Prince & Princess of Wales, & all the Royal Family, & that there never may be wanting one of that illustrious family to sway the British scepter. That he would be pleased to defeat all secret & open designs & attempts of a Popish Pretender and all other enemies to his Majesty's crown & dignity & to the Protestant cause & interest. That he

would be pleas[d] to prosper & succeed his Majesty's arms both by land & sea. That he would be pleased to bless all his Majesty's dominions & in perticular that he would be pleased to bless & prosper all endeavours for the effectual support & happy settlement of this great & valuable acquisition so happily made by the peculiar blessing of God on his Majesty's arms. That he would be pleased to preserve & bring to this place in safety the troops & stores expected from Europe. That he would be pleased mercifully to restore health to the sick in this garrison, & to spare those that are in the enjoyment thereof, & not suffer any mortal sickness to prevail further amongst us. That he would especially be pleased to grant us all true repentance & the assistance of his Holy Spirit, that we may amend our lives according to his Holy Word, & that he would make his way known upon earth, his saving health among all nations. And all servile labour & recreations are forbidden on s[d] day.

Given under our hands at Louisbourg the 11th day, Dec., 1745.

P. WARREN W[m] PEPPERRELL

By command of their Honours, with the advice of y[e] Council of War.

B. GREEN, *Sec[ry]*.

God save the King.

INSERTED IN THE NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS.

LOUISBOURG, Decem[r] 14th, 1745.

Publick Notice is hereby given, that all persons who are willing to repair to this place to carry on the fishery next spring shall have the utmost encouragement given them by us, & strict care shall be taken that their property & interest shall be secured to them & no persons

employ'd in that business here shall be impressed into his Majesty's service, nor be any ways molested in the prosecution of their s[d] business.

W. P. P. W.

ORDER FOR ALL MASTERS OF VESSELLS TO MAKE REPORT OF THE CONTENTS OF THEIR CARGOES.

LOUISBOURG, Dec[r] 15th, 1745.

Notice is hereby given to all masters of vessells coming into this port that immediately on their arrival they are to make report at the Secretary's office of the contents of their cargoes & the names of all passengers brought by them into this garrison.

P. W. W. P.

ORDER TO THE BARRACK MASTER TO QUARTER THE TROOPS IN A COMPACT MANNER.

LOUISBOURG, Dec[r] 15th, 1745.

SIR, — You are hereby directed & required with the assistance of the commanding officer of each regiment forthwith to quarter the troops in this garrison in the several barracks & houses in the most compact manner that may be conveniently done, having special regard to their being so disposed as to prevent the unnessary consumption of fuel, & that the soldiers of each regiment be placed as near together as possible, & so as to be under the ready inspection of their officers.

W. P. P. W.

ORDER FOR A DETACHMENT OUT OF EACH REGIMENT TO CUTT WOOD & FOR A SCOUT.

LOUISBOURG, December 19th, 1745.

SIR, — You are hereby required to furnish [*blank*] men out of your regiment with an officer, all well provided with their arms & ammunition, & each man a wood ax,

to go under the command of Col° Moore into the neighbouring parts of the island to cutt & bring in cord wood for this garrison, & for the encouragem^{t} of the men so employed they shall be paid for every cord of wood deliver'd to our order in this garrison between this time & the first of Jany at the rate of three dollars $\mathfrak{P}$ cord for oak & other hard wood. You are also to furnish [*blank*] men to go on a scout under the command of Capt John Card to seek after cattle, & for their encouragement they shall have half of the cattle they bring into the garrison & the other half shall be given to the sick.

W. P. P. W.

ORDER TO COL° MOORE TO COMMAND THE DETACHM^{T} TO GET WOOD.

LOUISBOURG, Decem^{r} 20th, 1745.

SIR, — You are to take under your command one hundred & twenty men who are order'd out of your own & the other regiments, who are hereby strictly commanded to obey your orders, & see that they be furnish'd with their arms & ammunition, & each man a wood ax, & proceed with them to the nearest good woodland, & direct them in cutting & getting into the garrison in the best manner as much hard cord wood as they can, from this time to the first day of Jan^{y}, & you must order a strict look out to be constantly kept to prevent a surprize from the enemy & suffer no guns to be fired at game nor on any other acco^{t} but at an enemy, & the men are to return into the garrison as often as you think it best, & if at any time they hear three cannon discharged at about a minute's distance from each other they are immediately to return.

W. P. P. W.

To Col° MOORE.

Order to Cap^{r} John Card to command a Scout.

Louisbourg, Decem^{r} 20th, 1746.*

Sir, — You are to take under your command fifty men who are order'd out of the several regiments to attend you & see that they be furnished with arms, ammunition, snow shoes & a week's provisions, & proceed with them on a scout into the neighbouring parts of the island & send in two men every night with an acco^{t} of what discoverys you make, & keep a constant strict watch that you be not surprised by an enemy, and suffer no guns to be fired at any game nor on any acco^{t}, except against an enemy (within hearing of the garrison). And if you meet with any French you are to order them into the garrison, & at the end of six days you are to return with your men, or sooner if you hear three cannon discharg^{d} at about a minute's distance from each other, & what cattle you meet with you are to drive into the garrison, & for the encouragement of your men they shall have one half of all such cattle, & the other half shall be given to the sick.

P. W. W. P.

To Capt Jno Card.

Declaration for the Encouragem^{r} of a Good Agreem^{r} & Suppression of Vice.

Inasmuch as the harmony & good agreement which has so happily subsisted between all his Majesty's subjects who had the honour to be instrumental in the reduction of this important fortress has been greatly to the honour of all concern'd therein, & as nothing can be more commendable & beneficial to his Majesty's service & the good of his subjects here than the continuance of the same among those who have the honour to be employ'd in the defence thereof; We do hereby declare that noth-

* An obvious mistake for 1745. — Eds.

ing will more recommend to our favour both officers & private men of the land army & navy in this place than their maintaining & promoting an universal good agreement & friendly correspondance, without any distinction in respect of the different parts of his Majesty's dominions to which they belong, or to their being in the land or sea service, but all treating each other as loyal & brave subjects of his Sacred Majesty King George, & hearty well wishers to the prosperity & happy settlement of this place, & we do further declare that we shall esteem as disturbers of the welfare & good order of this his Majesty's garrison any person that shall cast any national reflections on any of his Majesty's subjects here, or use any other reproachful or abusive language tending to stir up disputes or quarrells & they shall be punished with the utmost severity of the martial law, & further we do hereby declare that the s^{d} law against prophaness & immorality shall be strictly put in execution, & in perticuler that any persons who shall presume to take the name of God in vain, or to use any prophane swearing or cursing, shall be punished in the severest manner that law will admit of, & all his Majesty's officers in this place are hereby required to give notice of any persons they shall know so offending, & also to use their utmost endeavours to suppress all kinds of vice & immorality in this place.

Given under our hands at Louisbourg the 30th day of Decem^{r}, 1745.

P. W. W. P.

ORDER TO BRING IN THE NUMBER & NAMES OF THE SICK.

LOUISBOURG, Jany 3rd, 1745.

S^{r}, — You are hereby required forthwith to order the surgeons to take an exact list to be taken [*sic*] of the number & names of all the sick belonging to the land

army in this garrison & send in the same to the Secretary's office for our inspection. Y^r ob^t serv^ts.

W. P. P. W.

To Edwd Ellis.

Coppy of the Order to the Officer sent to the Wreck of ye Ship Roseby.

Sir, — You are hereby directed & required to remain with the men under your command (if there can be any sufficient shelter made for them) at the place where the storeship is wrec't until you are releived or receive our further orders, & keep a constant guard & look out, & use your utmost endeavours to save every think [thing?] you possibly can belonging to the ship or cargo, & take the perticular mark & n° of all bales & other parcells of goods which you can save, & suffer no persons to embezzle or plunder any part thereof, & for the encouragement of your men they shall be handsomely rewarded by us for their services therein, & as a number of seamen with an officer are also sent by Ad. Warren on the same service, you are mutually to aid & assist each other in every thing for the good of his Majesty's service or the interest of any of his subjects who are concern'd in the s^d ship or her cargo. We are

Y^r hh^l serv^ts.

To —— P. W. W. P.

Jan^y.

Order to prevent the Goods saved from the Wreck of the Roseby's being embezzeled.

Whereas the ship Roseby, Jos. Lock, command^r, from London, bound to this port with naval & other stores, was lately wreck'd on this island about 2 or 3 leag^s to the eastward of this harbour, all persons are hereby strictly forbidden to embezzle or plunder any part of the

cargo of the s[d] ship wherever the same shall be found, but on the contrary are hereby required to secure the same & give notice thereof to us, for which they shall have allowed them the salvage by law & custom due, & all persons are likewise forbidden to work upon s[d] wreck without our special order or license therefor, & any persons who shall give notice of others that shall plunder or embezzle any part of the afores[d] cargo or shipwreck shall be rewarded by us, & the persons so offending shall be punished with the utmost severity of the law provided in that case. Given under our hands at Louisbourg, Jan[y] 7th, 1745.

W. P. P. W.

Order to take Care of the Goods saved from the Wreck of the Ship Roseby.

Louisbourg, Jan[y] 8th, 1745.

To Mess[rs] W[m] Winslow, Sam[l] Shipton, Melatiah Bourne, Nath[l] Mumford, & Nath[l] Whiting.

You are hereby authorized & directed to demand & receive of all persons all the goods & effects that may be saved from the wreck of the ship Roseby, lately cast away on this island, wheresoever they may be found, in order to their being disposed of in such manner as shall be most for the interest of the persons concern'd therein, agreeable to such further directions as you shall receive from us therefor.

W. P. P. W.

Order to Cap[t] Rhodes to go on a Scout.

Louisbourg, Jan[y] 14th, 1745.

To Cap[t] Sam[l] Rhodes, Sir, — You are hereby directed to take under your command twenty men, who are hereby order'd to attend & obey you, & see that they be well

supply'd with arms, ammunition, snow shoes & six days' provisions, & proceed with them on a scoutt into the neighbouring parts of this island to the westward of this place, not exceeding 18 or 20 miles, & use your best endeavours to discover whither there be any parties of the enemy on the island, & for encouragement, if you make discovery of any body of the enemy & get intelligence of their designs, you & your men shall be handsomly rewarded, and you are to send in here two of your men with what intelligance you can get in two days, or sooner if you meet with any thing remarkable, & to return with the remainder in six days, & if you meet with any of the French inhabitants you are to send them into this garrison.

P. W. W. P.

ORDER TO M[R] CAVENAUGH TO GO ON A SCOUTT.

LOUISBOURG, Jan[Y] 23RD, 1745/6.

S[R], — You are hereby order'd & directed to take a serjeant & twelve men under your command & proceed on a scout to the westward, not to exceed 20 miles distance from this garrison, to make what discoverys you can & to return in seven days. Make a report to us of the same at your return; for so doing this shall be your warrant.

W. P. P. W.

To M[r] CHA[S] CAVENAUGH, Ens[n] in the Hon[ble] S[r] W[M] PEPPERRELL's Regiment.

ORDER TO MAKE REPORT RELATING TO THE BARRACKS.

LOUISBOURG, Jan[Y] 25th, 1745.

Brigad[r] WALDO, Col[o] MOORE, Col[o] LOTHROP, Col[o] WILLIAMS, Capt[n] PEARSON. GENT[N]. — As the troops from Gibralter, which will consist of fourteen hundred men at

least with their officers, may be very soon expected, as well as recruits from the colonys, we therefore desire, as we apprehend there is not convenience for their lodging, that you will consider & give us your opinion as soon as possible what numbers the publick barracks of this town will conveniently lodge, & what materials of all kinds will be proper for us to procure for the erecting new barracks for such numbers as the old ones won't accommodate, & to compleat the repairs that are absolutely necessary for the security of this garrison. We are, Gent^{n}

Your hum^{l} serv^{ts}.

P. W. W. P.

ORDER TO CAP^{T} RHODES TO GO ON A SCOUT.

LOUISBOURG, Jany 25th, 1745.

To Capt SAMUEL RHODES, — You are hereby directed & required to take under your command forty men who are order'd to attend you, & are hereby required to attend you, & see that they be all well provided with arms, ammunition, snow shoes & six days' provisions, & proceed with them on a scout into the neighbouring parts of this island, not exceeding 20 miles from this garrison, & endeavour to make discovery whither there be any of the French or Indian enemy upon the island, & if you discover any party of them which you shall judge inferiour to yours in strength you are to engage them as your prudence may direct you & endeavour to take or destroy them, but if you discover any large party of them you are immediately to repair with your men to this garrison; & if you make no such discovery you are to return with them in six days.

W. P. P. W.

ORDER TO MR PETTYBONE TO GO ON A SCOUT.

LOUISBOURG, Feby 12th, 1745.

To Capt SAM^L^ PETTYBONE, — You are hereby required to take under your command thirteen men, & proceed with them to the neighbouring parts of this island to the northeast near the seaside, not exceeding 20 miles from this garrison, in order to make discovery whither any vessells be cast away on that shoar, or whither there be any tracts of French or Indians to be seen, & you are to return in three days if you meet with nothing remarkable sooner. You are to take care that your men be well provided with arms, ammunition & snow shoes, & that they carry their blanketts with them.

P. WARREN W^M^ PEPPERRELL.

ORDERS NOT TO PULL DOWN PICKETTS NOR HOUSES.

Publick notice is hereby given to all persons within this garrison that any person who shall presume to pull down or cut up any of the picketts belonging to this fortification, either within or without the walls, or any other picketts within the walls, or to pull down or deface any part of any of the houses or other buildings of the fortification, shall be severly punished, & all persons who know of any others so doing, & do not inform us thereof within 24 hours, shall be also punished, & any persons who shall inform of any others who shall make a breach of this order, so that they be convicted thereof, shall have five dollars reward paid them by us.

W. P. P. W.

ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE TROOPS EXPECTED.

LOUISBOURG, March 5th, 1745.

To Majr TITCOMB, Majr GARDNER, Capt HALE, Capt SMITHSON, Capt COBB, & Capt CHENEY, — In pursuance of the advice of the Council of War you are hereby authorized & required together with the barrack master to visit the houses in this garrison & provide room in them for the reception of the men at present in the barracks, according to the best of your discretion.

P. WARREN W. PEPPERRELL.

ORDER TO CLEAN THE GARRISON.

GARRISON OF LOUISBOURG, March 26th, 1746.

Our orders are that the Colonels of the several regiments be directed to appoint suitable persons to take care that the streets & houses be cleansed as soon as possible & canals be cutt to drain of the snow water, & that the filth be carried out of ye city at ye west gate or at the gate near the main guard, & laid so that the tide may flow over it.

P. W. W. P.

ORDER TO ARTIFICERS TO ENTER THEIR NAMES.

LOUISBOURG, March 28th, 1746.

These are to notify all carpenters, joyners, masons, glaziers, blacksmiths, & other such artificers residing within this garrison, whither they be soldiers in his Majesty's service or inhabitants only, that are desirous to be employ'd on his Majesty's works the ensuing season, that they enter their names & proffessions at the Secretary's office in order to their being called upon when

wanted, & no other artificer but such whose names shall be so entered will be employ'd on s^{d} works.

And all persons are also hereby notified that no bills or acco^{ts} for work done in this place after the last day of this month will be paid by us unless the s^{d} work be done by our order in writing, or the order of some officer or overseer authorized by us. P. W. W. P.

ORDER TO PREVENT THE SMALL POX GETTING INTO THE GARRISON.

LOUISBOURG, March 30th, 1746.

Whereas we are informed that the small pox prevails at New York, Connecticut, &c^{a}, the preventing of which's coming into this place is of the utmost consequence, all persons are hereby notified that orders are given by us for all vessells coming into this port to hoist a jack at the main topmast head, & not to suffer any persons to come on board, nor to leave the vessell until it has been visited by a physician appointed for that purpose & received a bill of health from him, & all persons within this garrison or belong^{g} to any vessell in this port are hereby required to observe the same & not to presume to go on board any such vessell, nor knowingly suffer any person to come from the same, whilst the afores^{d} signal is flying on board, on penalty of being punished in the severest manner according to the quarentine law. P. W. W. P.

ORDERS TO THE COM̃AND^{G} OFF^{R} AT Y^{E} ISLAND BATTERY TO PREVENT THE SMALL POX GETTING INTO THE GARRISON.

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF Y^{E} ISLAND BATTERY, — Whereas we are informed that the small pox prevails at New York, Connecticut, &c^{a}, the preventing of which

coming into this garrison is of the utmost consequence, you are hereby required to inform all commanders of vessells, whither ships of war or others, coming into this port that they are immediately to hoist a jack at their main topmast head, & not to suffer any person whatsoever to come on board nor to leave the vessell until it has been visited by a physician appointed for that purpose, & receive a bill of health from him on the penalty of being prosecuted & punished in the severest manner according to the quarentine laws.

LOUISBOURG, March 30th, 1746. P. W. W. P.

TO THE COUNCIL TO REPORT WHAT PROVISIONS, &C., WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE TROOPS.

To Brigadier General WALDO, Colonels MOORE, BRADSTREET, GORHAM, LOTHROP, WILLIAMS, & GOODRICH, GENT, — We desire you (being the members of the Council of War remaining on the spott) to consider of & give us your opinion what provisions, spirituous liqour, fuel & cloathing you judge, from the experience of the winter past, will be necessary to be allowed, annually besides their pay, to the troops that shall be posted here by his Majesty. We are, Gent

Yr obt hl servts

LOUISBOURG, April 1st, 1746. P. W. W. P.

ORDER TO THE STOREKEEPER OF ORDNANCE STORES & PROVISIONS.

Sr, — Whereas a large quantity of ordnance stores & provisions for this garrison may be daily expected from England, you are hereby directed & required to store away those now under your care in the most compact

manner possible in order to make room for the reception of the afores[d] stores as soon as they arrive here in order to prevent to his Majesty the charge of demurrage.

P. WARREN W. PEPPERRELL

To the COMMISSARY of, &c.

ORDER TO PREVENT A SURPRIZE FROM THE ENEMY.

Our orders are that when the weather is foggy & thick the same number of centrys be placed on the wall in the day as in the night, & that no gate except the wicket at the west gate & the water gates be open'd without an order, except for the admittance of slays or other carriages, in which case care is to be taken to see that no stranger be admitted with any such carriages.

W. P. P. W.

April 5th, 1746.

ORDER FOR Y[E] SURGEONS TO GIVE IN A LIST OF INVALIDS.

LOUISBOURG, April 6th, 1746.

SIR, — You are hereby required to direct the surgeons of the several regiments in this garrison to give into us forthwith a list of such persons as are in their judgment in a decaying state of health & not likely to recover here, & no persons will be dismissed on any of their certificates till such a list is produced & is to our satisfaction.

W. P. P. W.

ORDER NOT TO STRAGGLE FROM THE GARRISON.

LOUISBOURG, April 8th, 1746.

Whereas we have certain intelligance that the French & Indians are in motion at & about the Bay Verte & parties of them may probably come upon this island to

make discoverys, our orders are that no persons presume to straggle from this garrison on pain of being severely punished, & for the more effectually preventing thereof the officers of the several guards at the land gates are to caution all persons that pass out.

P. W. W. P.

ORDER FOR PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE AGENTS OF THE ARMY TO MAKE PAYMENT.

LOUISBOURG, Ap^{l} 14th, 1746.

Whereas complaint has been made to us by the agents of the several regiments concern'd in the reduction of this place that sundry persons who have purchased of them part of the plunder belonging to the army neglect to make payment for the same, by which they are disabled from closing their acco^{ts}, all such persons are hereby order'd forthwith to make payment of the same to the s^{d} agents.

P. W. W. P.

ORDER AGAINST SELLING STRONG DRINK.

LOUISBOURG, April 28th, 1746.

Whereas several quarrells & disorders have been lately committed within this garrison by persons intoxicated with strong drink, in order effectually to prevent the same for the future all tavern keepers, retailers, suttlers, & other persons whatsoever within this garrison or any part of this island or harbour are hereby strictly forbidden to sell or retail any kind of spirituous liquors, either seperate or mixt, to any of the private soldiers or seamen within this place until our further orders, on penalty of their forfeiting five pounds sterling for each offence upon their being convicted thereof, one half to the informer & the other half to the use of the garrison.

W. P. P. W.

Advertisement inserted in the New England Newspapers to encourage Trade & the Fishery here.

Louisbourg, April 30th, 1746.

Notice is hereby given to all persons that may incline to send any vessells to this place the ensuing summer with any kinds of provisions or refreshments that none of the sd vessells, nor any persons belonging to them, shall be impressed into his Majesty's service or be detained here contrary to their desire by us or either of us or our orders.

And whereas we are informed that it has been reported in New Engd that the flakes & conveniencys for curing fish round this harbour are destroy'd, all persons who may be disposed to carry on the fishery here are hereby notified that there are remaining sufficient of them for the making large quantitys of fish.

P. W. W. P.

Order for victualing the Gibraltar Troops.

Garrison of Louisbourg, Apr 29th, 1746.

Whereas there is no establishment yet come to hand for the victualling the troops which are arrived here from Gibraltar, you are to victual them from the time of their landing in the same manner as they were on board the transports till his Majesty's directions on that head shall be known, or you shall receive further orders.

P. W. W. P.

To Mr Comsy Genl Winslow.

Order to the Storekeeper to deliver Small Arms.

Louisbourg, May 10th, 1746.

You are hereby directed to deliver out of the store all the small arms belonging to the American troops (except

such as were before taken out of the arsenal) & you are to receive into the store all the small arms that have been taken out for the use of s[d] troops which have been bought of the agents of the army by the government.

P. W. W. P.

To Cap[t] Jo[s] SHERBURN, Storekeeper of the Ordnance Stores.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF S[T] PETERS.

As there are five Indians which have deserted from hence, & as it [is] impossable that they can pass without your seeing them, our orders are that you assist M[r] Shaw to take them, & inform him of the proper places to wait for them if they have not passed you, & also to furnish him with pilots to go to the proper places to find them. As this vessell has occasion for a birch canoe you must deliver them one for which you shall be paid.

P. WARREN.

W. PEPPERRELL

LOUISBOURG, May 14th, 1746.

ORDER TO PREVENT THE WASTE OF LUMBER, &c.

LOUISBOURG, May 17th, 1746.

Whereas some persons have presumed to take away & make use of boards & other such stores landed in this city for his Majesty's service, this is strictly to forbid all persons for the future to take any such stores from the place where they are laid without our orders or leave for the same on pain of being punished for their offence.

P. W. W. P.

Order to examine the French Complaint relating to the Execution of the Capitulation.

To Brigadier Genl Saml Waldo, Colonels Samuel Moore, John Bradstreet, Simon Lothrop, William Williams, & Eleazer Goodrich, Esq^{rs}, & Benj^{a} Green, Esqr, — Whereas we have received from England a coppy of a memorial presented to Mr Abra^{m} Hume, Commissary General of his Brittanic Majesty's provisions, &c^{a}, at Bruxelles, to be transmitted by him to the Court of London, sign^{d} Seigneur, Commissary of War, &c^{a}, setting forth that Monsr Du Chambon, the late Lt Govr of Cape Breton, complains that we have not duly complyed with the capitulation made by us with him for the surrender of the s^{d} island & its dependancies to the obedience of his Brittanick Majesty, — You are hereby desired (being the members of the Council of War now remaining here & the Secretary of the expedition), having had oppertunity to be thoroughly knowing to all the proceedings relating to the execution of the terms of the s^{d} capitulation, to take into your consideration the several articles of complaint contained in the s^{d} memorial, & make report to us what just grounds you apprehend have been given for the s^{d} complaint or any part thereof in order to our making due answer to the same.

Louisbourg, May 16th, 1746. P. W. W. P.

Order to all Persons to bring in their Acco^{ts}.

Louisbourg, May 23rd, 1746.

All persons that have any acco^{ts} unpaid for materials supply'd or service done for this his Majesty's garrison are hereby notified to bring them in forthwith, and no such acco^{ts} will be passed by us after next Wednesday.

P. Warren.

Wm Pepperrell

Order to Jn° Henr Bastide, Esqr

Louisbourg, May 24th, 1746.

Sr, — As we expect to leave this place soon, we desire you would make up the accots for this garrison relative to your branch to this day, in order to their being passed upon & paid, & you are not to draw for any payments on us after this time.

J. H. Bastide, Esq P. W. W. P.

Proclamation for the Suppression of Vice.

By the Honble Peter Warren, Esqr, &ca, and
Sir William Pepperrell, Bart, &ca.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, notwithstanding our late Proclamation for the suppression of immorality & profaness within this place (wherein we have declared that the martial law against the same shall be strictly put in execution), yet, in contempt of the laws of God and our sd Proclamation, many instances thereof are still found among us, & in perticular vain swearing & cursing with horrid oaths & imprecations & impious profanation of the name of God are daringly practiced by some to the great scandal of the Christian religion, & by which we may justly fear Almighty God will be provoked further to send his destroying judgments upon this place, — We have therefore thought fit to issue this Proclamation, hereby exhorting & requiring all officers under us to use their utmost endeavours for the suppression of all vice and immorality, not only by their own good example and exerciseing their influence & authority over those under their immediate command, but also by taking notice of all such offences committed within their knowledge, that the offenders may receive due punishment therefor, & all

s^d^ officers may be assured of our utmost encouragem^t^ & protection in the prosecution of their s^d^ endeavours, & all persons residing in this place will greatly recommend themselves to our favour by their virtuous & discreet lives & conversations.

Given under our hands at Louisbourg, the 29th day of March, in the nineteenth year of his Majesty's reign, Annoque Domini, 1746.

P. WARREN.

W^M^ PEPPERRELL

By their Honours' Command.

B. GREEN, *Secry.*

God save the King.

ORDER FOR BRINGING IN THE TOOLS.

LOUISBOURG, May 26th, 1746.

All artificers & other persons within this garrison who have in their possession any workmen's tools or other utensills belonging to any of the New England Colonies are hereby notified that they must deliver them at eleven o'clock to-morrow to Mr Brown, at the ordnance store, who will give them a receipt for the same. And any persons who have any such tools or utensills of their own that are desirous to dispose of them are also hereby notified that if they will deliver them to the s^d^ Mr Brown, taking his receipt for the same, they shall be paid for them the value which they shall be apprized at upon making oath that they were their own property.

P. W. W. P.

Order to the Commanders of Companys to take Care of the Arms, &c.

Louisbourg, May 26th, 1746.

The commanding officers of the several companys of the New England troops in this garrison are hereby directed to collect & take care of all the small arms, drums, & colours belongs to their respective companys in order to their being returned to the several governments to which they belong.

P. W. W. P.

Order to deliver Cannon, &c., to Brigs Waldo.

Louisbourg, May 26, 1746.

To Capt Jos Sherburne, — You are hereby directed to deliver the follows articles to Brigr General Waldo, or his order, viz., 5 travelling pieces with their rammers, &c., that belong to the Province of the Masss Bay; 4 small guns with their carriages, &c., that did belong to the Louisbourg fireship, with ten rounds of shot, & for want thereof partridge equivalent for the same; two New England cohorn mortars, & 100 shells; six barrels of pistol powder, and two barrels of cannon powder; 20 hund. wt of musket bullets & buck or swan shot; 1200 flints; 50 spare rammers; 56 lb. match; 20 pick axes; 20 shovels; 20 spades; 20 wood axes.

P. W. W. P.

Order to ys Officers to give in the Names of Servants & Apprentices in their Companies.

Louisbourg, May 27th, 1746.

The commanding officers of the several compas of the New England troops in this garrison are hereby directed to give in forthwith to Brigr General Waldo a list of the

names of any servants or apprentices in their respective companies (which are not inlisted into either of the new regiments) and to deliver them to him; and also their arms and accoutrements, taking a rec^{t} for the same.

P. W. W. P.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COMMANDING OFFICERS SENT TO S^{T} JOHNS.

GEN^{L}, — Upon your arrival in the harbour of Port Le Joy in the island of St Johns, in this government, (in the Bay Verte on ye south side) you are to dispatch Baptiste Young, &c., in an Indian canoe which you have for that purpose with the inclosed letter for the inhabitants of said island, wch letter is to be sign'd by you and dated. You have also inclosed a letter for said inhabitants signed by us, which you are to communicate to such of those as shall come on board, whereby you find it is our express order that they prepare with all possible dispatch for to be transported to France. You are to keep as many of the chief inhabitants on board your ships as you think will be sufficient security for their due performance of the capitulation, and let them take turns to go and prepare their effects to be shipt on board the vessels we shall send you for that purpose.

On Baptiste De Young's return with some of the inhabitants, or an answer from them, or let the case be what it will, you are to dispatch the sloop [*blank*] with the soldiers on board to us with an account of the same, for our better information how to proceed, sending one or more of the deputies in her, if they can be obtain'd, in order to know what number of vessels will be needful for their transportation. Inasmuch as some things may happen wch we cannot foresee in the more particular conduct of this affair, we intirely leave it to you to act in the best

manner you can for his Majᵗʸˢ service during this transaction. You will endeavour to get the best intelligence of the motion of the enemy at Canada, the state of the garrison of Annapolis Royal, and where the Indians of Nova Scotia now are, or any other for his Majesty's service.

If upon the strictest inquiry you shall find the French have deserted the island of Saint Johns, you are in that case to use your endeavour, without exposing your men too much to the hazards of ambush, to burn and destroy as many of their houses, vessels, & settlements as you possibly can, using your utmost diligence and dispatch in the execution of this service, after which you are to return to this port with the Albany brig.

We are, Gentˡ,

Yʳ most hum. servᵗˢ.

Isᵃ Townsend.
P. Warren.
Wᵐ Pepperrell.

To Capᵗ Harman, Col. Choate, & Capᵗ Colby, appointed to execute the above Instructions.

Letter to the Inhabitants of Sᵗ Johns.

Genᵀ, — Having had your two memorials of last fall under consideration, find it inconsistent with his Brittanic Majesty's interest to permit you to remain on the island of Sᵗ John of this government, neuter; therefore we have, agreeable to the capitulation, in wᶜʰ you are all expressly comprehended, sent vessels to transport you and your effects to France. We doubt not of your being sensible of the ill consequences of your endeavouring to evade any part of the capitulation, but will with all possible dispatch repair on board sᵈ vessels for that purpose, your-

selves, families and effects, where you may be persuaded all possible care shall be had of you all. Mr Duboy died here last winter, and his little effects remain in our hands, wch shall be paid to his proper heirs. We are

Y^r^ friends.

P. WARREN.

Wm PEPPERRELL.

LOUISBOURG, May 14, 1746.

To the inhabitants of St. Johns, &c.

LETTERS.

ALEXANDER BULMAN * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Coll^l Will. Pepperrell, Esqr, in Boston. Pr Mr Jon. Sayward.

YORK, Feb^ry 4, 174¼.

HON^D S^R,— Having a favourable opportunity by my neighb^r, J. Sayward, I tho't it might not be disagreeable to let you know that agreeable to the late proclamation, this day the several companies of the town were called together (except one), and there was a considerable readiness in many to enlist; and as I am informed 17 of Capt Harmon's snowshoe men have already entred their names enlisted. Ab^t ten or 12 have enlisted at large under any Capt whom ye Govr shall appoint. Ab^t ten more under Mr James Donnell. And twelve of Capt Sewall's comp. have signed a paper signifieing their intention of enlisting, tho' desirous of 1st knowing who is like to be their Capt. Among these twelve the Lieut. of the comp. was one. Here I cannot but observe (& indeed it was no small part of ye end of my writing to let you hear off what I doubt not but your Hon^r will be pleased with) that the s^d Capt Sewall called his men to his own house & generously entertained them all with a dinner & much encouraged them to engage in the present expedition, promising to as many of his men as would go

* He was a physician, and in that capacity accompanied the expedition against Louisbourg. From a letter to Pepperrell, dated at Louisbourg, Sept. 2, 1745, we learn that Bulman had received permission to return to New England, "either upon furlo or a release, & to take under my care the whole of the sick that belong to the ten companies raised in the upper part of the County of York." He died at Louisbourg not long afterward. (See letter from Benjamin and Mary Colman, dated at Boston Sept. 21, 1745, *post*, p. 373). — EDS.

that he w^d^ give them out off his own pocket so much as with the Province pay they sh^d^ have 8£ p^r^ month. And that if any of their family's were in want he would supply them so that they sh^d^ not suffer. An example (I think, & I doubt not y^r^ Hon^r^ will think) worth speaking of, & worthy of imitation. Some decline enlisting till they know who shall be the general officers, as also who shall be their particul^r^ Capt. I have some reason to conclude from what I have heard that y^r^ Hon^r^ has declined, so that I look upon my[self?] free from any special obligation to attend the present service. But yet if their be a blank warrant for a surgeon's mate, if it might be filled up with the name of John Swett of York, he is willing & I hope would be able to serve his King & country in that capacity. I w^d^ before I conclude this scrip inf. that this day I waited on y^r^ lady & found her health something bettered. That y^r^ Hon^r^, with ye hon^ble^ brethren, may have council from above to direct in the important affairs you are from day to day engaged in is the hearty desire of y^r^ Hon^rs^ most humble & obliged servant.

A. Bulman.

P. S. I have reason to apologize for my freedom, but I must omitt it till I shall have the pleasure of seeing y^r^ Hon^r^ face to face.

A. B.

BENJAMIN POLLARD * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To William Pepperill, Esqr, General of his Majesty's forces intended to, &c., &c.

Boston, Feby 6, 1744.

Dear Sir, — I have no design to detain you above three minnits from your more important affairs; therefore

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* Col. Benjamin Pollard, born June 6, 1696, died Dec. 26, 1756. From October, 1743, to his death he was sheriff of Suffolk County. His portrait by Blackburn is in the Cabinet of this Society. See Proceedings, vol. i. p. 498, vol. xvi. p. 390; Whitmore's Mass. Civil List, p. 79. — Eds.

shall be short. I am well assured that an intrest is makeing for the valiant Josiah Quincy to be what you were so kind to say that our fr^d^ Benj^a^ Green shall be, viz., *your secretary*. Now, as you had the right of appoint^g^ y^t^ officer, and as the Govr had promised Secretary Willard the same for Green before, so I hope you won't adhear to any sollicitations even from *our* Colonel himself, who I expect will write you in fav^r^ of s^d^ Quincy. I hope you got safe to Mrs Pepperil and found her and the family well. I am, with due regard, Sir,

Your most ob^t^ serv^t^.

BENJ^A^. POLLARD.

P. S. Green is getting ready, as you directed him.

WILLIAM VAUGHAN * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble W. Pepperrell, Esq., at Kittrey.

PORTSM^o^, Feb. 8, 1744.

HON^D^ SIR, — Give me leave to salute y^u^ on y^r^ being appointed Gen^ll^. I doubt not but you will use y^r^ best endeavor, and I hartily wish you successe. I am doing all y^t^ I can to forward ye buisnesse. I was latly at York, and find ye people exceeding ready to go, but are in confusion on acc^t^ of officers. I hope Capt Donnell will be appointed a Lieu^t^ Coll., and Elder Harmon a Major, as he was ye first man y^t^ engaged with me in ye affair, even before Capt Donnell came. I pray y^t^ if these gent^l^ are appointed above Captains y^t^ they may have an allowance to nominate ye officers of these compas. I have desired ye gent^l^ at York to march one comp^a^ next Mondy to Boston,

* Col. William Vaughan was born in Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 12, 1703, graduated at Harvard College in 1722, and died in London Dec. 11, 1746. He played an important part in the operations against Louisbourg. See Appleton's Cyclopædia of American Biography, vol. vi. p. 246; Coll. of Maine Hist. Soc., vol. viii. pp. 293–313. — EDS.

to give life & spring to ye affair. I hope you'l encourage ye same. I have written to Doctor Hale to desire ye Govr to ord^r^ all ye men to march in next week. I pray you to make ready to be at Boston next week, for dispatch is ye life of businesse. I have proposed y^t^ 2000 men, if no more, be ready to sail by ye twentyeth day of ye month. I hear y^t^ you intend to be at this town Mondy next; shall endeavor to wait on you, should do it sooner but y^t^ I expect you 'l be full of comp^a^.

I am your hum^b^ sert.

W. VAUGHAN.

Honble W. PEPPERRELL, Esqr.

ANDREW LE MERCIER* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SIR, — I give myself the honour to write you to acquaint your Honour that the Honourable Samuel Waldo hath been appointed by the comitee of our General Court to speak to my son Andrew (now at Falmouth) and to encourage him to go with you and your army against Cape Breton, in quality and in the character of a linguister. Tho' I want him very much about some other busines, yet if he can be serviceable in the intended expedition, I would consent to his going upon a suitable encouragement. It is uncertain yet how much the General Court will allow him. It is not likely that they will grant what I call a sufficient encouragement, except you are pleased to give him a lieutenancy in your own regiment or some other. Indeed, Sir, what makes people fond of commissions in your army is a hope, well or ill grounded, that if the place be taken they may have their commissions confirmed at home, and so have either a full sterling pay, if they are imployed, and if they are dismissed a half-pay.

* Minister of the French Protestant Church in Boston. He died Mar. 31, 1764, in his seventy-second year. See Memorial History of Boston, vol. ii. pp. 254-258. — EDS.

For that reason I would have him receive a lieutenant's commission, and be left in garrison there. However, I would desire it upon these terms, that during the expedition he would only act as a linguister, and after the taking of the place as both a Lieutenant and a linguister. My son hath by him a plan of Louisbourg and the fortifications of the town, drawn by himself, which (as Captain Loring saith) is truer than any extant, and might be of some use in this expedition. Pray, Sir, honour me with one word of answer. I pray the God of Hosts to be your shield against all your ennemies, to crown your undertaking with succes and your person with His best blessings, and I pray you to believe me, most respectfully, Sir,

Your Honour's most humble and obedient servant.

ANDREW LE MERCIER.

To the Honourable Brigadier PEPPEREL, Esqr, &c., &c., &c.

BOSTON, the 8th of February, 174$\frac{4}{5}$

JOHNSON HARMAN * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Hon. William Pepperrel, Esqr, Brig. General, at Kittrey. ℔ Capt Beal.

YORK, Feb^{r} 16th, 1744.

HON^{D} SIR, — This waits on you with my duty, wishing you all the success and comfort that prosperity can afford you in the great trust repos'd in you. May the conduct of Heavn always atend you in evere scene of life. The Providence of God blessing me with so good a measure of health, and my inclinations being strong to wait on you to Lewisburgh, I am perswaded their is something yet for me to do their before I leave the world. And as your smiles is all I crave in order to my going with you, I shall

* Col. Johnson Harmon had been in earlier life one of the most noted Indian fighters of the time, and was associated with Col. Moulton in many of his expeditions. At the date of this letter he must have been well advanced in years. — EDS.

look for my reward either in the coming world (if I am cal'd of in the cause of my King and country) or as you see I deserve if ever I return to New England. If you'l favour me with a line in answer, I shall look upon it as a token of your regard. I beg leave, Hon^{d} S^{r}, to subscribe myself,

Y^{r} dutifull hb^{le} ser^{t}.

JOHNSON HARMAN.

AMMI RUHAMAH CUTTER * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL

For the Hon. William Pepperrell, Esq., Brigadier Genl for ye Expedition to Cape Breton, in Kittery or elsewhere, by Mr Young.

SACO FALLS, Febr^{y} 20, 1744.

HON^{D} SIR, — Understanding by Col^{o} Waldo that my proposal of being a surgeon in the intended expedition was rejected by the Hon^{r} Committee, & being desirous to go in some shape or other, & hearing nothing in answer to my request in writing to y^{o} Hon^{r} for an enlisting order, I took a warrant from Col^{o} Waldo to beat in his & y^{r} regiments, & have with such as I had secured before compleated the number of forty-six men, whose names I have sent to the Governour by Mr Young, & do believe I can make them up sixty. If what I have done be agreeable to y^{r} Hon^{r}, & shall be content with a command that will not degrade me. Dennis Downing tells me he has enlisted with y^{r} Hon^{r}, notwithstanding he had

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* Ammi Ruhamah Cutter was a son of William and Elizabeth Cutter, of Cambridge, Mass., and was baptized May 6, 1705. He graduated at Harvard College in 1725, and began to preach at North Yarmouth, Maine, in 1729. He was ordained minister of the church there Nov. 18, 1730, and was dismissed Dec. 12, 1735, on account "of the unhappy difference which had arisen between him and the church." He afterward practised as a physician, and in Dec., 1742, removed to Saco, where he commanded a fort and had charge of an Indian trading-house. In the expedition against Louisbourg he was a captain in Col. Moulton's regiment, and for a considerable time was in command at Canso. After the capture of Louisbourg he remained in that place as chief surgeon, and died there in March, 1746. There are numerous letters, many of them of very little importance, among the Pepperrell Papers. See Paige's Hist. of Cambridge, p. 522: Coll. of Maine Hist. Soc. vol. ii. p. 186. — EDS.

before entered with me, which he was induced to do for want of money, & I hear y^t^ Nathan^l^ Crocker, another of my men, has since enlisted with Capt James Noble, which I mention that they may not be enter'd twice. Sir, as Biddiford (wherein are about twelve of my men) is nearer to Falmouth than to York, & as my family & a number of my men are at North Yarmouth, I must beg the favour that I may appear with my men at Falmouth rendezvous. I shall wait at Biddiford for y^r^ Hon^r^^s^ further order, & am

Y^r^ humble serv^t^.

AMI RUH. CUTTER.

I expect by Saturday to make up sixty men, having already secur'd five or six y^t^ are not in the list.

JOHN GRAY* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble William Pepperell, Esq., Brigadeer General and Comander in Chief of the intended Expedition, &c., att Kitterey.

BIDDEFORD, February ye 25, 1744.

SR., — Though I may be ye last that may congratulate you upon your exalted station that ye Almighty God and ye people of this province have entrusted you with, which, indeed, is of ye greatest, and in my small capacity of discerning ye most wisely concerted for ye best interest of ye whole continent, yet I may with sincerrity own to you my heart and affections are with you; and had I had time to have appeared, I should have been proud to have waited on you in this expedition tho' without sustaning any comission or proffitt. It being enough for me as a gentleman of this county to have accompanied General Pepperel. I am fully knowing that in ye midst

* The will of John Gray, of Biddeford, dated Sept. 1, 1752, and probated April 1, 1755, is printed in Sargent's Maine Wills, pp. 749, 750. In it he names Elizabeth, his wife, an unmarried daughter, Mary, and two married daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Ezekiel Cushing, and Olive, wife of Nathan Woodman. — EDS.

of ye hurrey of bussiness you are now in long epistles are unseasonable. Yet permit me to add a few words which you may peruse at your leisure. Goe on, Great S^r^, in ye strength and under ye banner of the Lord of Host. Tis not by numbers that I hope you think to conquer. But to them to whom ye arm of the Lord shall be revealed. I beleive no expedition ever will be ine [any?] more accompanied with more ardent & fervent prays (to God) then this, y^t^ you S^r^, may be directed to such measures as may be to ye honour and glory of God. For tis he that giveth wisdom and ubraideth not. Tis strongly imprest on my mind y^t^ you will have ye hon^r^ of taking that strong cididale. And how sweet and pleasant will it be to you to be the person under God that shall reduce and pull down that stronghold of Satan, and sett up the kingdome of our exalded Saviour. O, that I could be with you and dear Mr Moodey in that single church to destroy ye images their sett up, and ye true Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ their preached. My wife who is loe and under confinement, yet is so spirrited in ye affair on y^r^ taking of ye comand that she is very willing all her sons shall wait on you, tho' it is outwardly much to our damage, one is already enlisted, and know not but their may be more. She sends her duty to you, and tells me as long as she has life she shall impotunatly pray for you. I have attended ye enlisments by your officers here, but am surprised att ye conduct of Cp^t^ Cutter. I am, Hon^d^ S^r^,

Your most obedient freind and very humble ser^t^.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN OSBORNE* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesties Service. To the Honble William Pepperrell, Esqr, Brigadier General, &c., in Kittery.

Honble Sir, — Your favour of 18th currant we received. The sloop mentioned as come round to Boston the Com^tee^ have taken up for a transport. We are much pleased to hear of the prospect your Honour has of so many brave soldiers from your regiment, and as every thing is in a great forwardness, and almost ready for departure, as we imagine your Honour will be particularly informed by his Excellency, we presume we shall very soon have the pleasure of seeing you here. The ship and snow mentioned in our former letter, wch are at Rhode Island, are engaged and coming round to Cape Ann to join the other force. The new ship (the Massachusetts, Capt Tyng) is in great forwardness, and will be ready in season, as will also Capt Snelling's ship, and we imagine every part of the expedition may be compleat for departing by the beginning of next week at furthest. We are continually exerting yourselves [*sic*] in the affair, and are, Honble S^r^,

Y^r^ very hum. serv^t^.

In the name of the Com^tee^.

John Osborne.

Boston, Feb^ry^ 26th, 1744.

MOSES PEARSON† TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Falmouth, February 27th, 1744.

Hon^d^ Sir, — In obediance to y^r^ Honor's command I take this, being the first, opertunity to let you know I

* Hon. John Osborne was a prominent merchant and citizen of Boston, serving in various civil capacities, and for thirty-two years was a member of the Council. At this time he was chairman of the Committee of War. He died Aug. 27, 1768, aged eighty years. See Whitmore's Mass. Civil List, pp. 54–61; Reports of Record Commissioners, *passim*; Roberts's Hist. of Anc. and Hon. Artil. Co., vol. ii p. 122. — Eds.

† Moses Pearson was born in Newburyport in 1697, and settled in Falmouth in 1728 or

got home the 25th instant; since which I have inlisted twelve able-bodyed men. My being from home, Cpt Noble, Cpt Moody, and Cpt Cuter with some others teling people I had got a full company at Newbury and did not intend to return to Falmouth, but proceed to Boston, induced a nomber on whome I most depended to list with the sd Captens, so that men are not plenty; but I hope within 4 or five days to make up the nomber thurty or more, and take the first opertunity to Boston. I am

Yr Honour's most obedant humble sert.

MOSES PEARSON.

Pos. Scrip. Colonal Waldow at Bideford informed me Cpt Cuter wold have no commition and incuerdge me I had opertunity to take the men he inlisted at Falmouth. If so I shall be able to make up a company in a short time. I am, Hond. Sir,

Yours;

Mr PEARSON.

JOTHAM ODIORNE, JR.,* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honerable Brigadeer General Wm Pepperell in Kittry.

PORTSMo, Feby 27th, 1744.

SIR, — Itt is with great reluctancy that I take pen in hand on this great and most important subject, well knowing my own inabilitys, and nothing butt ye obedience I owe to your commands could tempt me to thus expose myselfe, butt must att ye same time beg itt may not be seen by any butt yourselfe. In confidence of which I goe

1729. He was a carpenter by trade, and became one of the most prominent citizens in Falmouth, being sheriff of the county and one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas. See Ridlon's Saco Valley, p. 122; Whitmore's Mass. Civil List, pp. 121, 122. — EDS.

* Jotham Odiorne, Jr., was a son of the Hon. Jotham Odiorne, of Newcastle, for many years one of the Council of New Hampshire. He married a sister of Col. Meserve, and died May 19, 1751, aged 48. See Wentworth Genealogy; Brewster's Rambles about Portsmouth. — EDS.

on to say that in my opinion, under God and your undoubted conduct and courage, nothing more likely to contribute to ye desired success than despatch from New England and early arrival att a proper landing att or near Lewisbrug, and that itt is most probable that small vessells, vizt from 50 to 120 tons, att this season of ye year, will be ye most safe & expeditious. As to a proper place for first and generall randevous, I judge that Country Harbour is ye most sutable, being about fourteen leagues to ye westward of Cansoe, and tho there is sundry harbours between that and Cansoe, yett none so comodious and easey outlett. As to Cansoe Harbour, which some have talkt of for randevous, itt will certainly be more likely to give ye enemie intelligence of your coming, for as that harbour is made with a number of islands laying to ye eastward of ye main land, ye French often resort there in boats for guning and other occations, they may on your arrival there verry easeyly gett away undiscoured, and so carry ye news to Lewisbrug. I much approve of what you were pleased to inform me of, your intention of taking St Peters Harbour by part of your fleet in your way to Lewisbrug, which will be of good service in cutting of any intelligence from that place going any way, and att ye same time informing you of ye state of Lewisbrug, att which place on your happy arrival I cant butt think that a suden surprize to them and a bold push on our side will undoubtedly carry the point, in which under your command (would ye circumstances of my family which are verry peculiar to my disadvantage herein admit of itt) would willingly run ye risque of my life. I well know some are of quite diferut thoughts on the affair; they are for waiting for ships from abroad and troops to our assistance. Indeed, I think them of singular use and absolute necessity in case ye place is not taken in ye afores^d^ attempt. Butt as far as I can deserne, with submission to better judgments, itt would be runing a verry great risque for us

to lay still there waiting for greater strength; for as that must come from West Indies or England, or both of them, itt is easy to conceive of ye many missfortunes that may happen in such long passages with such large ships, ye danger of storms, fowl winds, loss of masts, engagements with enimies, loosing company with one or other, falling into bodys of ice, and many other unforeseen or even unthought of accidents that may hapen that may even give time enough in ye season of ye year for the place to have recrutes and succours from France; for no doubt ye French well know ye consequences of, and have their hearts much sett on, this place, and in what bad circumstances itt was left in last fall. They will send them out releife so early as they may be there as soon as ever ye season of ye year will admit of itt, and if theire ships should hapen to arive theire before ours, what a forever lamented thing would this be to us.

Sir, what occations my saying even too much on this part is from last evning's conversation with sundry gentlemen, that I presume are going on ye expedition, seemed fully inclined to a regular seige, and waiting as before. A seige in that manner is a thing I must confess is what I am a stranger to, and doubt not butt many of our countrymen are likewise, and would act very awkerdly therein, who in ye former way would be as bold and good men as ye world can produce, and I belive and trust will venture theire all in ye cause, notwithstanding if itt can't be taken in ye former way I conceive itt much to ye advantage and honour of our nation and this country in perticular to keep ye ground untill ships and men shall come from England, West Indies, and New England with all the power and force possable so as not to faile, on ye whole, if itt should cost us halfe our substances; butt a more short and easy conquest would no doubt be most acceptable to us, as well as more glorious to yourselfe; and now, dear Sir, I beg leave to recomend you and y^e^

whole affair to ye Almighty God, in whose power and strength I doubt not you putt your trust and confidence, trusting that in a few weeks wee shall hear of ye desired effect of this grand undertaking and shall have ye honour of congratulating you and your good famaly on your safe and happy return, of which many of your friends can more fully express their joy & gratitude, butt none more sincere than, Sir,

Your most obedient hum^le^ servant.

J. ODIORNE, JU^R^.

Brigadeer General W^M^ PEPPERELL.

BENNING WENTWORTH* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To Brigadier General Pepperell, att Kittery

PORTSMOUTH, 28th Feb^y^, 1744.

SIR, — I have sent you my tent by Mr Robert Savery, which I hope will be very serviceable, but you will be pleased to observe that it is on your credit, & not on the credit of your Com^tee^, who I have a great regard for, but as this tent is belonging to a number of gent^n^ in this town equally interested in it with myself, I shall be obliged to produce this, or another of equal value, and I can with more certainty depend on you for it than a Com^tee^ whose power may be dissolved in a few weeks. Therefore on your arrivall at Boston please to settle the matter with them on the footing I have mention'd.

I must desire you to reserve the arms you have 'till to-morrow, when I shall order a person to view them, and if they will do for our men that want arms I shall give orders to bring them up, & you may have a war^t^ on the treasury for the amount thereof. I am with great truth, S^r^, Your most hum^l^ ser^t^.

B. WENTWORTH.

Brigadier Genl PEPPERILL.

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* Benning Wentworth, Governor of New Hampshire from 1734 to 1767, was the eldest son of Lieut. Gov. John Wentworth, was born at Portsmouth July 24, 1696, graduated at Harvard College in 1715, and died in Portsmouth Oct. 14, 1770. — EDS.

WILLIAM FROST* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

For the Honble Colon^l Wm Pepperrell, Esqr, in Boston. ☞ *Mr Gerrish.*

NEWCASTLE, March 6th, 1744/5.

HON^D S^R, — After yor departure y^t day from Portsm^o the Assembly met, and I made a mot^n y^t thare might be something allow^d by this governm^t for the Gener^l's table y^t our field officers might appear wth you as those from the other govern^mts, and after some debate thereon (not to ment^n pertickulars att present) thare was voted thirty pounds, new tenor, to be paid you out of ye treasury and sent up, and dout not was concur^d wth and assented to, because thare was a parragraph of Govr Shirley's letter to Govr Wentworth layd before us on some points wherein something of y^t nature was ment^d about an allowance for our field officers, butt wee was immediately adjourn^d to Thursday, 10 clock; and I made a mot^n to the Assembly for leave to go with you, and thay ware all against it, and would not give me leave without sending a precept out for a new one, and wch they said might be a damage to the governm^t and in pertickular to the town wch I represent, and I find y^t Rye and Newcastle are very oneasy y^t I sh^d go, so cannot wth hono^r and justice to those places proceed on the expedition. Butt sho^d have bin glad to have done myself the hono^r and pleasure of goeing wth you had not I bin pree ingag^d on the publick affairs and thare insisting so much on my staying. I sho^d have informed you before, butt could not git an oppertunity, so hope you will excuse me. I pray God y^t you may be und^r His divine protect^n in yor undertakings and return^d in safety to the enjoym^t of yor family and friends, and am, Hon^d S^r

Yo^r most obed^t kinsman and hum^ble serv^t.

W^M FROST.

* William Frost, born May 20. 1705, was the eldest son of Hon. John Frost of Newcastle, N. H., who married the eldest sister of Sir William Pepperrell. See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. v. p. 165. — EDS.

P. S. I putt on board yor schon^{r} a coop with fifteen fat fowles y^{t} has bin fatning all winter, likewise a bbl. of choyce perry pack^{t}, of wch I pray yor acceptance of as a small token from yor obed^{t} kinsman.

W. F.

Wm Pepp^{ll} Esqr.

RICHARD WALDRON* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Dear Sir,— Your visit last Monday was so unexpected, your stay so short, and your departure (as it were) with your life in your hand, it made me a little discomposed, and I hardly knew what to say; therefore now take the freedom to send my good wishes after you, with heartiest prayers to the God of Armies that you may have wisdom and courage equall to the great charge you have accepted, and as a true *Christian* hero may have your relyance intirely on the Captain of our Salvation for success, that the Lord of Hosts may make you a conqueror, that you may return in triumph and laden with lawrels. These, dear Sir, are the most sincere and ardent wishes and prayers of a most affectionate and obliged friend. Two country companys came to town yesterday, and 'tis said all are to be in to-day, and that they are to sail a Monday, thô there is not one comission yet granted, either for field officers or others. Our Don Diego† has acted such a part that he is quite entangled and hardly knows what to do *about commissions*, and besides is embarrass'd by the Assembly, and moreover much plagued in his mind about Huske's voyage; he said lately it was better to be a porter than a Governor. Give me leave once more to rec-

* Richard Waldron was born in Dover, N. H., Feb. 21, 1694, graduated at Harvard College in 1712, and died Aug. 23, 1753. He was Secretary of New Hampshire from 1730 until Benning Wentworth superseded Belcher as Govèrnor, when he was removed from office. See 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. vi. p. 4 *n*. — Eds.

† This was one of the nicknames which Gov. Belcher applied to Lieut. Gov. Dunbar. Waldron applies it to Wentworth. See 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vol vii. *passim*. — Eds.

ommend the son of a friend to your patronage and favour, according to the degrees of his merit. If your leisure will permit it, I shall esteem it a singular favour to have a line by the post. I purpose to write you again by our transports, and am, Honble Sir,

Your most obedient, obliged, and affectionate humble servant.

RICH^D^ WALDRON.
PORT., March 8th, 1744/5

Honble General PEPPERRELL

NATHANIEL WALTER * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Coll^ll^ Pepperell, Esqr, in Boston. ℔ Mr Odiorne.

HON^D^ SIR, — Tis with inexpressible pleasure I inform you that I shall wait upon you as a chaplain in the Expedition. My heart has ever been in it, and I have secretly hoped that I might go to be a blessing among my brave countrymen. Providence permitting I will wait upon you, Sir, next Monday to receive your further orders.

With the greatest respect, I am, Hon^d^ Sir,

Your very humble serv^t^.

NATH^LL^ WALTER.

ROXBURY, March 10th, 1744/5.

JOHN BARNARD † TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

For the Honble General William Pepperel, Esqr in Boston.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — I cannot help bearing you & the noble design you are upon continually in my heart, which is

* Rev. Nathaniel Walter, minister of the second church in Roxbury, was a son of Rev. Nehemiah Walter of the first church, and was born in Roxbury, Aug. 15, 1711. He graduated at Harvard College, in 1729, was ordained July 10, 1734, and died March 11, 1776. See Memorial History of Boston, vol ii., p. 346. — EDS.

† Rev. John Barnard was born in Boston Nov. 6, 1681, and graduated at Harvard College in 1700. In 1707 he accompanied the expedition against Annapolis in the capacity of a chaplain. "While he was attempting to take a plan of the fort, a cannon ball was

entirely with you, and am desirous, since I cannot attend you in the service, to contribute my mite, as I am able, to the advancement of the great undertaking, and therefore hope you will please to forgive me the freedom of sending you a plan of such a manner of encampment as appears to me at present best suited to the security of y^r^ army, and the annoiance of the enemy. Something like this, if the ground will admitt of it, or such variations from it as the circumstances of the ground necessitates, seemeth requisite if a regular camp be formed. The wings of the bastions must be distroyed, which the two batteries C C are designed for, that the men may not be cutt off in scaling or storming the town. But I hope you will have better plans from abler hands, and then this will be of no use but to shew my good will, nor need it ever be known from whence it came.

If you will give me leave, I will go on to say, that it seemeth to me an attack upon the Royal Battery so much talked of will be needless, because when that is taken, the town, which is fortifyed, will be still to take; but when once the town is taken all batteries will fall of course, and therefore I should think the whole force should be bent against the town. The heavy artillery will doubtless soon deface their wall, & the bombs distress the inhabitants encumbered with their women & children. And if when you are ready for storming the place the ships of war upon a signal agreed upon should make a feint, as if they designed to attack the batteryes, by appearing before them, it will draw many of the enemy down to them, & leave the fewer to encounter with, & so the town will be the easyer carryed, and probably with the loss of fewer men, if they do not see cause to surrender without storming.

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fired at him, which, however, did him no other injury than to cover him with dirt." In July, 1716, he was ordained colleague pastor of the church in Marblehead; and he died there Jan. 24, 1770, in the fifty-fourth year of his ministry. See Mass. Hist. Coll., vol viii. pp. 66-69; Sprague's Annals of the Amer. Pulpit, vol. i. pp. 252-255. — Eds.

May the God of Armyes, who has raised you up for this day, be with you; the Eternal God be your refuge, & underneath may be His everlasting arms; may He teach your hands to war and your fingers to fight, & cause you to tread down the enemy. I doubt not but the cause is God's so far as we can well say any cause of this nature can be; for all that is dear to us in our country, our flourishing, yea, our very subsistence in it, yea, our religion, all lyes at stake. They have first began with us at Canco & Anapolis, as well as their King unjustly proclaimed war against our nation, and it should be our constant cry, *Delenda est Carthago*, Cape Breton must be destroyed, or we must expect to be destroyed by them. May your army do valiantly and encourage themselves in the Lord, our God; may they be of good courage, & play the men for our people and the cityes of our God, & the Lord do that which seemeth Him good

I am, with my best wishes & most fervent pray^{rs}, Honble S^{r},

Your most obedient, humble serv^{t}.

JOHN BARNARD.

MARBLEHEAD, March 11, 1744.

ROBERT AUCHMUTY* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

D^{r} S^{r}, — The sincere desire I have that the publick spirit y^{t} animates a gen^{n} of yor fortune sh^{d} meet with equal sucess in an enterprize so worthy of yor services & ye attention of this Province induces me to hint to y^{n} ye merritt of Capt Rhodes who comands a comp^{a} under y^{n}. My knowledge of him has been for many y^{rs} and I

* Judge Auchmuty was of Scottish descent, was educated in Ireland and England, and came over to Massachusetts in early life. Here he obtained distinction as a lawyer, and in 1733 was made Judge of the Court of Admiralty. He died in April, 1750. Gov. Belcher, who disliked him personally, nicknames him "the Irish Judge." See Drake's Biographical Dictionary, p. 42; 6 Mass. Hist. Coll. Vols. vi., vii. *passim*. — EDS.

assure y^{n} y^{t} by his natural & acquired abilitys y^{n} will discover him strong in judgm^{t} & active in execution. And in this distinguishing light I recom̃end him to yor countenance, knowing none under y^{n} will (in my opinion) contribute more to yor laurels, with which y^{t} y^{n} may be crownd in this expedition is ye unfeigned wishes of, d^{r} brõ,

Y^{r} ever obliged friend & most obed^{t} hum. serv^{t}.

ROB^{T} AUCHMUTY.

BOSTON, 12th March, 1744.

To ye Honble Brig^{r} PEPERILL.

RICHARD WALDRON TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^{BLE} SIR, — I wrote you a line or two last week, hardly expecting an answer by reason of your hurry, and I hoped I should have no opportunity to write you again at Boston; but as I fear you'l hardly get away till Monday (by what I hear of the backwardness of affairs there) I take the freedom of testifying my respect once more, and of tendering you my most ardent wishes for your prosperity, while at the same time I can't but fear the slowness of the preparations will make the expedition considerably out of season, which may bring on inconveniencies not at first expected. As I am not concerned at Court, nor have any hand in the Ministry, I know not whether you have any com̃issions from our Governor, which I apprehend ought to have bên, nor do I know what correspondents you have here to inform you of our proceedings, and therefore a hint or two of them from me I presume won't be unacceptable. On Tuesday evening sundry officers had their com̃issions, Mr More is Colonel, Mr Meserve is Lt Colonel, and Mr Gilman Maj^{r}, Tufton is a Captain, and my son is Captain-Lieutenant to Lt Col^{o} Meserve. Captain John Fernald com̃ands our

guard sloop, armed with carriage guns & swivels. The other officers I don't know, nor are all yet commissionated. The guard sloop and several of the transports are this day gone to the island, and 'tis said all will be ready to sail to-morrow or a Lord's day. The Lord grant you seasonable weather and propitious gales, and may it please Him who overrules all things to crown the enterprize with success. Amen & amen. I am, dear Sir,

Your most affectionate, obliged and obed^{t} humble servant.

RICHARD WALDRON.

PORTSM^{o}, March 15th, 1744/5.

Hon Genl PEPPERRELL.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

KITTERY, 18th March, 1744.

HON^{D} SIR, — I wrote you the last post but one, wch went under cover to my partner, and he doubtless dld. it to you. I wonder not that I have no answer, since you were engaged greatly in matters of infinitely greater consequence. As I expect this will be delivered you at sea, you may possibly have leisure enough to read it, and will excuse me, should it give you any interruption, nothing further being proposed by it then to give you a fresh (& the best I am able to present) token of my filial regards and affection towards a parent to whom I can neither express my obligations, much less requite them, nor give more then a shadow of the firm attachment I have to yor person and interest. I do assure you, Sir, that I constantly bear you on mind with all the duty, love, & respect that the best father can desire or

* Col. Nathaniel Sparhawk was a son of Rev. John Sparhawk, of Bristol, R. I., and was born March 4, 1715. He became a merchant in Boston, and married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir William Pepperrell, June 10, 1742. He died at Kittery, Dec. 21, 1776. See Savage's Gen. Dict., vol. iv. p. 144; Coll. Maine Hist. Soc., vol. ix. p. 252. — EDS.

claim from an affectionate and most obedient son; nor am I more sollicitous for the prosperity of my own family (wch I know is closely connected & depends greatly on yor prosperity, favour & patronage) then for the happiness of yours; and I am more especially concerned in regard of yor present great undertaking, that the Almighty God may preserve you in & quallify you for every thing that may be required from you; that He would give you health, wisdom & courage equal to your enterprises; that you may gain an honourable victory, and be returned in safety, according to yor wishes, & may have the just applause of all good men for yor love of vertue, magnanimity, and inviolable attachment to our nation & particularly to New England; and may not only your works praise you, but may yor countrymen, inspired with a sense of yor value universally rise & call you blessed. This letter, I trust, will be the more agreeable as it covers one from yor good lady, my mother Pepperrell. Bettsy begs her father to accept her in joyning wth me in every wish, peice of respect, & duty. Each of our familys (God be thanked) are pretty well. Mr Waldron, the bearer, has in a very complaisant manner taken leave of each of them, wch is a peice of civility that he is singular in, and therefore if his behaviour intitles him likewise, he will have some marks of yor favour to distinguish him. Pray, Sir, favour me with a line, if an express comes from you, wch will highly honour and particularly gratifye me. I would not presume to add any more. Allow me to finish with my compliments to Coll^o^ Waldo & any gen^n^ that may enquire after me, & to assure you that I am sincerely & with all possible defference, Sir,

Y^r^ most ob^t^ son & devoted humble servant.

N. SPARHAWK.

Brigadier General PEPPERRELL.

BENNING WENTWORTH TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.*

PORTSMOUTH, March 21st, 1744.

SIR, — I was at Newcastle 'till nine last night in order to get our fleet under sail, but the wind failing it could not be effected. I shall go down at high water, & should the wind offer I shall have them under sail in half an hour. I have order'd the rendezvous at White Head, but lest the wind should take them short it will be proper for one of your sailing vessells to call in at Island Harbour or Country Harbour. Mr Bollum desired that you may be informed that I have ordered frames & boards of 25 feet long & 16 feet wide for our men. I am in great haste, preparing for Capt Durell.

Your Excellency's most hml servt.

B. WENTWORTH.

His Exy Govr SHIRLEY.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, March 23, 1744.

SIR, — Inclos'd is a list of the several companies form'd into regiments, a copy of wch I desire you would be pleased to order your Secretary to deliver to every Colonel so far as it concerns his particular regiment. You will observe yt I have been oblig'd to assign a company for Colonel Bradstreet after it was form'd wth three commission officers, so yt I could not without hardship destroy any of their commissions, and it is the same case wth Major Ellis's company, wch last commission I was oblig'd

* William Shirley was born in Sussex, England, in 1694, and died in Boston March 24, 1771. In 1731 he came to Boston under the patronage of the Duke of Newcastle; and when Belcher was superseded as Governor of Massachusetts, he was appointed Governor. He was removed in 1757, and was partially compensated by appointment as Governor of the Bahamas. He returned to Massachusetts about a year before his death. See Dictionary of National Biography, vol. lii. pp. 142. 143; 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vols. vi., vii. *passim*. — EDS.

to give in order to procure him to go Surgeon General, in wch capacity I look upon him to be as necessary an officer as any among the forces, yourself excepted. It is certainly wth me to appoint what officers I think fit in each company. If a different construction as to paying 'em should be put upon the establishment by the General Court y^e^ is consistent wth the appointment of a Captain, Lieuten^t^ and Ensign in the three field officers' companies in each regim^t^, they must submit to that. But I much question whether the intent of the Assembly was not to have a Captain in those three companies, besides the field officers themselves, and shall try 'em upon it when I meet 'em. In the mean time I must recommend to you the adjusting all little differences that may arise among the officers upon these or other acc^ts^, and to prevent 'em indeed as much as is possible. A good harmony will be absolutely necessary for procuring success ag^t^ the enemy.

I have sent to the Committee for the particulars mentioned in Captain Kingsleah's list, so far as it concerns them, and shall send you more shells and powder wth the forge and provisions. Inclos'd is the order for the match.

Inclos'd are two commissions for one Cowley Knight, if he should appear among you, and blank commissions for two of Mr Aldrich's two nephews and the late Colonel Cosby's son, to be fill'd up as you shall think proper and have an opportunity of doing it, and I must recommend those young gentlemen to your protection in case they should come to you from Annapolis.

I look upon Serg^t^ Shaw to be a dangerous fellow. If he is found among your soldiers, pray order him to be put on board of Rouse without fail, and take care of your three Frenchmen.

The safe guarding of Canso will be of the utmost importance. Be pleas'd to take care y^t^ sufficient workmen and two gunners wth one assistant of the train of artillery be left there, also stores, provisions, etc., in proportion,

and to direct a fascine & sod battery to be rais'd in the most advantageous manner as soon as may be, and forget pens, ink, and stationary ware for the commandant there.

Having appointed a seventh regiment so lately, I have in my hurry omitted procuring colours to be made for it, but shall send 'em after you. Inclos'd is a letter of Govr Wentworth's, whereby you will perceive he desires you would order a small vessell on head of you, just to look into Island Harbour or Country Harbour for the New Hampshire transports, least the wind should cut 'em off short before they reach'd White Head Harbour. Some broken thoughts of Mr Bollan's also are inclosed for your perusal at leisure.

I desire you would let Mr Vaughan, who goes a voluntier to Cape Breton in this expedition and has been very instrumental in promoting it, both within this and the neighbouring province, and has the success of it much at heart, assist in your Councils, and I do hereby appoint him to be one of it. Your countenance and protection of him also, as far as is proper, I shall esteem a favour

There being according to the acc^{t} of the Committee, exclusive of the train of artillery, carpenters and officers, 3177 men rais'd, in order to save the 177 men to the forces I was oblig'd to come to this agreem^{t} wth 'em, vizt, y^{t} I would impress no more for the sea service and y^{t} you should mann Rowse's ship out of the seamen to be found in the land forces, upon wch occasion I expect y^{t} every Captain should find one or two willing men in his company wch may be easily done with a few good words. You know Kingsleah's company may all stay on board if they are fit, and Prescott's would be glad of it. I hope this will lay you under no difficulty. I could not avoid it.

I am pushing wth much fatigue and perplexity to get all the companies down to-day, either to sail wth you or follow you instantly, and must referr you to Mr Waldo and

Bradstreet for whatever I may have omitted here. And wth the most sincere and cordial wishes for your success and prosperity, am, Sir,

Your most assured friend and faithfull servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

Be pleased to keep a constant correspondence wth me, and particularly take exact muster rolls of all the companies as soon as possible. I suppose it may be done at Canso, and transmit 'em to me by the first opportunity. There are near 100 men rais'd wch can't be provided for at present over & above the 3177. I will endeavour to save 'em and send 'em to you, but can't prevail for it now.

Lieuten^t^ General PEPPERILL.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SIR, — I am sorry to find by yours of yesterday, wch I have but this moment receiv'd, y^t^ the transports loiter so. I sent strict orders by the Adjutant Genl and four drums all yesterday and the day before y^t^ all the Captains and companies sh^d^ repair on board their respective transports forthwith and fall down to you as they would answer the contrary at their peril, and I am satisfy'd we have not above 150 men at most now on shoar, and Mr Hutchinson is gone to see as many of them as can possibly go imbark immediately. I hope you will not lose one moment of this fair wind after this reaches you; the other troops and officers will certainly reach you before you sail from Canso. Not a man of 'em shall stay on shoar after to-morrow. I will take care of the Frenchmen mention'd in yours. You will find I have given Col. Bradstreet Ephraim Baker's company. I sent the little book wch Col. Bradstreet wanted yesterday by the bearer. I hope

Col. Waldo and he join'd you last night in good time. Once more, with the warmest wishes for your success and happiness, I bid you adieu, and am, Sir,

Your most faithfull friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

BOSTON, March 24, 1744.

Lieuten^{t} Genl PEPPERILL.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SIR, — I have but a moment's time to desire y^{t} as soon as Capt Gorham can be spar'd you would send him to Annapolis Royal, under convoy of Sanders, or some other vessell of like force, wch may bring from thence Mr Cowley the ingineer, and whatever else can be spar'd from thence for your assistance. Once more wishing you all imaginable success, I am, wth very great esteem,

Your faithfull friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

BOSTON, March 25, 1745.

Lieuten^{t} Genl PEPPERILL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO JOHN OSBORNE.*

CANSO, April 10, 1745. On board the Shirley Galley.

To JOHN OSBORNE, Esqr, Chairman of the Com^{tee} of War of ye Mass^{a} Bay, Aprill 10th, 1745 p^{r} Capt Fletcher's prize. Copy by ye Brig^{t}.

S^{r}, — After a rough and something tedious passage I arrived safe in this harbour on Thursday last, with about twenty sail under convoy; found here several others that set sail with us, all the Piscataqua transports, and Capt

* There are two copies of this letter in the Pepperrell Papers, one in the handwriting of Rev. Dr. Belknap, who made copies of many of Pepperrell's letters, and the other in the handwriting of Benjamin Green, Secretary to the Expedition, contained in a thick folio book, marked on the fly-leaf, "This Book contains Copies of the Letters wrote on his Majesty's Service in the Expedition against Cape Breton, 1745." — EDS.

Saunders with six that sail'd under his convoy, which all arrived the Tuesday before us. We have no reason to conclude the French are appriz'd of our design. The army in general are in good health and spirits, and we should so have proceeded from hence towards Louisbourg before this, had not the main part of our warlike stores, &c., been yet behind (wch we now hear arrived at Country Harbour, about fifteen leagues west of this) and they and we detained by contrary winds which may protract the time, (the east and northeast winds at this season of the year often holding here for a fortnight or three weeks together) so as to put us in greater danger of famine than sword. In which case, gen^t^, we must depend, under God, on your care, vigilance, & dispatch. Cap^ts^ Tyng and Rouse declare to me that they cannot cruize above ten days for want of provisions without putting away for supply, and I don't think any can be spared from the army, but we are in danger of want, as we may have bad weather, and the transports also which you may send. However, we are not discouraged; but as we venture our lives and all that 's dear to us in this world, you must allow us to press and expect your care for us. By computation we have not provisions for more than thirty days at most, and sh^d^ our guard vessels and cruizers be obliged to put away, & we fail in our attempt, for want of the necessaries of life with which our country is so richly supplied, God knows who must bare the blame. I think in this case we ought to be provided for the utmost event; better have some to spare than to want. If we are supplied we trust nothing will be wanting on our part, and that first or last, under God, we shall succeed, and return with an account to your satisfaction.

Y^rs^, &c. Wm PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble JN^o^ OSBORNE, Esqr, Chairman of ye Com^tee^ of War, &c.

EDWARD TYNG * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On Board the Massachusetts Frigate
off Louisbourg Harbour.

Sir, — We just now got off here as near as the ice wou'd let us. With the whole fleet we hoisted French colours, & fired a gun, which was return'd from the shore by showing their colours & firing a gun. The ship which we chaced we came up with very fast till within gunshot. Twice he struck his colours. Capt Griffiths in the Cæsar came across him, & they exchanged a broadside with each other. Then Capt Smethurst came across him & did the same. Capt Fletcher also; & if Capt Snelling had tack'd in time, as the chace was running down towards him we should have taken him. I believe the chace flung something overboard which gave him the start off us again. We were not much more than a gunshot from him till it was quite dark, & then had chaced him so far that was afraid of running ashore, & in tacking lost sight of him. For the rest refer your Honour to Capt Rouse. I expected he wou'd kept in with the shore so that I kept in close by the ice the whole night. The Rhoad Island men behave extraordinary well, tho' their vessells sail very bad, they are quite out of wood & water, & we have spared them all we can; don't doubt but your Honour will send us an immediate supply, otherwise we must be obliged to put in somewhere for it. We have not above a fortnight's provision on board. If you cou'd send me three or four hhds. rum & two barrels sugar, I will give my bills to pay for them on Boston at Boston price. I shall endeavour to keep myself & all the ships under my care till your arrival, & am, Sir,

Y^{r} Hon^{rs} most hum. serv^{t}.

Edwd Tyng.

Indorsed: "From Capt Tyng; recd 21st Aprill."

* Captain Edward Tyng acquired considerable reputation during the expedition against Louisbourg, his chief success being the capture of a French man-of-war, the "Vigilante," of 64 guns. He died in Boston, Sept, 8, 1775, at the age of seventy-two. — Eds.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Boston, April 26, 1745.

Sir, — The bearer John Stinson, master of the sloop Philadelphia, carries another load of provisions to the commandant at Canso for the use of the forces under your command, concerning wch I have sent orders to the commandant at Canso y^t^ he should forward it to you at Cape Breton by the first safe conveyance, unless he should have receiv'd other orders from you, in which case I have directed him to follow them. I hope you will take particular care to keep up a most frequent correspondence between yourself and Commodore Warren and me. Since my last I have appriz'd the Committee of War y^t^ they must compute the number of men in the army and on board the fleet at 4400 at least; and have obtain'd from the Assembly before their dissolution yesterday a vote impowering the Committee to purchase and send you provisions for one month more over and above the four months they were impowered to purchase provisions for before; so y^t^ now you are secure of having five months provisions reckoning from the beginning of the expedition. This is the third sloop's load of provisions wch will have been sent to Canso since the news of your arrival there.

I have put 50 more barrells of powder for you on board Capt Gayton who is equipp'd and full mann'd after infinite trouble in getting it done, & will, I hope, sail by Sunday morning at furthest. He brings you also 15 more of the large shells wch is all I have left. I spoke of those shells to the Committee a month ago, who twenty times assur'd me that Scott had near 100 more ready made; but at last it turn'd out y^t^ he had receiv'd no orders concerning 'em. I spoke for more match likewise at the same time and had assurance y^t^ some should be made here. But how that will turn out I know not. I believe some

is made, and what is you shall have and every thing else necessary for your support in my power, who am with the most ardent wishes for your success and prosperity, Sir,

Your faithfull friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

A fourth sloop is loading wth provisions, and I will call upon the Committee every day for an acc^t^ of their proceedings.

Lieutenant General PEPPERILL.

THEODORE ATKINSON* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble William Pepperrell, Esq., Lieu^t^ General & Commander in Chieff of the forces at Louisbourg.

PORTSM^O^, N. HAMP^R^, April 27th, 1745.

WORTHY S^R^, — Permit me, S^r^, amongst the abundance of your voterys to pay my complyments. I don't ask this because tis the fashion, but for that we are friends. As for news I shan't attempt what would be only a repetition of that you'l have from many abler & more authentick hands. I have often wished myself in the expedition with you & thô I was denyd my inclination in that, yet I have ever since the comencement of affair with pleasure viewd the seeming smiles of Providence in a long succession. The weather in the begining so suitable for raiseing the voluntiers, obtaining provisions, fixing vessells, contrary to what we might have expected at that season, was remarkable; the chearfulness of the people to goe & to send them no less remarkable. The health of the army & navy in their voyage; the unexpected & timely assistance of Comodore Warrin & his ships; his timely orders

* Theodore Atkinson was born at Newcastle, N. H., Dec. 20, 1697, graduated at Harvard College in 1718, and died Sept. 22, 1779. At this time he was Secretary of New Hampshire. See 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. iv. pp. 49, 50 *n.* — EDS.

to Capt Durrell which were delivered him while under sail for Great Brittain, the ships under his convoy being all out of the harbour before the boat that carryd the express got on board, that 5 minits delay would have put him out of our reach. I hope these prospects continued, & that you are now in possession of Louisbourg, but if your first projection proved abortive & a surprize was impracticable, I hope you'l have force enough to reduce the town by a more hon^{ble} thô perhaps a more expencive way.

That you may enjoy health, happyness & hon^{r} there & a safe return to your friends here is the constant desire of, S^{r},

Your most obleidged friend & very humble serv^{t}.

THEODORE ATKINSON.

RICHARD WALDRON TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^{BLE} SIR, — You obliged me very much by your favour of the 9th curr^{t} from Canso, and I return you ten thousand thanks for it. Capt Fletcher's prize, which brôt it, arrived in our harbour on Saturday, the 20th instant, and sail'd the next morn for Boston. I presume you'l have the Boston prints of the 22^{d} curr^{t} before this reaches you, giving an account of six or seven large French men of war arrived at Martineco, with three thousand land forces in twenty-five transports. Some hardly believe the news; some think they are destined for the West Indies onely; others fear they will visit Cape Breton and New England; and all are greatly amused with the story. Doubtless Comodore Warren has the most certain intelligence, and by that means you'l have it also. Some French Indians were hunting near *Number Four* * on Connecticut River about a fortnight agoe, and an Indian was seen at Pennycook last week. Our Assembly has not yet resolved whether they will support Fort Dummer or not, they

* Now Charlestown, N. H. — EDS.

being adjourn'd from the 11th to the 30th instant, just when they had got warm upon the affair. Massachusetts Assembly has voted a further support of it till June next. How wise soever the projectors of the expedition have bên, and how wisely soever they have laid the scheme it must be forever acknowledged that Providence has remarkably favoured us by the intervention of some extraordinary circumstances, without which we could not (in my opinion) rationally have hoped for success, especially the junction of five men of war to our forces, which tho expected (in part), the grounds of that expectation were false, and the orders to Commodore Warren to come this way were not sollicited for, nor so much as thought of by us. Permit me once more to recommend my son to your patronage, and you to the divine protection. I wish you health, prosperity, success and a triumphant return, and am, dear Sir,

Your very much obliged and most obedient humble servant.

RICHD WALDRON.

PORTSMO, April 27, 1745.

Please to favour me wth another line or two when your liesure will allow it, because a letter from a General does me great honour.

PETER WARREN* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, 1st of May, 1745.

SIR, — Captain Flecher gives me an acct that some of the troops landed yesterday, and of your intention to do so to-day. I heartily wish you success, and will use my utmost endeavours to intorcept the brig you mention;

* Captain, afterward Admiral, Peter Warren, was born in 1703, and died in Ireland July 29, 1752. He distinguished himself in the naval service, and was placed in command of the squadron sent from England to coöperate in the attack on Louisbourg. His successful efforts on that occasion were rewarded by his being knighted and raised to the rank of Admiral; and he was also made Governor of the place, an honor which Pepperrell and his friends thought should have been conferred on the commander of the land forces. — EDS.

for if she shou'd escape us, it might be a great means to prevent any of the French ships bound hither from France falling into our hands. Yesterday morning our cruizers chas'd a French ship into a bay on the other side of the island. Snelling and two men of war went in after her, and I am persuaded they have either taken or destroy'd her, and hope as Capt Snelling was close to her and engaged, that even the men had not time to get ashore. The moment any of those cruizers joyn me I will inform you of what intelligence I can procure. As your men are landed, three or four of the best sailing schooners to send on messages to you and to the squadron wou'd be of the greatest service, and if you can spare Bush's sloop I wou'd man her out of the ships, in order to keep her close in of nights with Lewisbourg harbour. I think the bay to the eastward of the island, where the ship went into yesterday, shou'd be guarded. You may be assured I will use my utmost endeavours to prevent any succors getting into Lewisbourg, and to be in every shape as serviceable to the present expedition as possible. If you have taken any prisoners of consequence, after you have got such intelligence as you want from them, I believe it wou'd be best to send them on board of me, or some of the ships, for fear they shou'd make their escape from you ashore. I am, Sir, with great respect and esteam,

Your most humble serv^{t}.

P. WARREN.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SIR, — I am extreamly pleasd with this fine bay, the schooners and small craft can lie so safe, that I wish you had sooner known the convenience of it, then I believe you wou'd have thought it preferable to Cancoa for a rendezvous. A battery on shore on the point that covers the vessells, with a ship or two to guard them, wou'd do

it from a very considerable sea force, while you are master of the land, and there is fresh water enough to be got, & my French pylote tells me there is two hundred chord of wood ready cut in this bay for the King's use, I presume he means the garrison. I cant help wishing wee had all our force and stores here from Cancoa, and if you are of that opinion, it might soon be brought. Had wee once possession of the Grand Battery, to prevent the enemy's ships getting in, wee cou'd assist you greatly from our ships with men, and lie safe for the time of year in this bay. I hope you have men enough; if one hundred marines can be of service you shant want them, and as they have granadiers caps, they will look regular, and I dare say will behave well. I wish I cou'd have three good schooners to attend me as I propose to be as much as possible about this bay 'till I hear how you go on, and if you cou'd spare some to go a fishing for the troops, it wou'd be a great refreshment for them, for my greatest fear, both for you and the ships, is want of proper supplys of provisions thô I have sent timely for two months, which I hope is by this time at Cancoa. I wish I cou'd send for it here, for I have borrow'd bread from Tyng to-day; the letter I sent you this morning is for that purpose. By the number of ships in sight there is one more than the cruizers, which I hope is the French ship I mentioned this morning. If the weather permits you shall know to-morrow. Can't wee settle a communication by boats nearer the town then this bay? I wish you cou'd always send me one of your Aid de Camps, for in the hurry wee are sometimes put in, I cou'd tell him my mind. If you wou'd order a fire in the night where you or the troops are, or near them, if proper, it wou'd be a great guide to me to be near you in the morning. Upon hearing so many guns fired last night at the town, I stood close in with an intent to alarm the batterys, but as the fire ceas'd I was apprehensive it wou'd disturb you. Pray what was

the occasion of the great explosion of powder in the town to-day? I hope 'tis all of our side. If you please to appoint me a good sailing schooner or vessell, I will dispatch her immediately to Newfoundland for such of his Majesty's ships that may come there. I just finish'd the above when I had the favour of yours which I have not time to answer particularly, being oblig'd to stand off a little. I wish you all manner of success, to which I will with pleasure contribute every thing in my power. My regards to all friends about you, and believe me with great esteem, Sir,

Y^r^ most obedient hum^l^ servant.

P. WARREN.

SUPERBE, OFF GABAROUS BAY, the 1st May, 1745.
Lieut. General PEPERELL.

S^r^, — If you want any wine, or any other necessarys that I have, pray lett me know it. I see some of the cruizers that went after the French ship turning up to Lewisbourg, and I hope they have her with them.*

Yours. P. W.

COLMAN & SPARHAWK† TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Lieut^t^ Genl Pepperell, at Cape Breton. ℔ fav^r^ of Capt Grayton of his Majesties ship Bienaime.

BOSTON, May 1st, 1745.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — We have for some time past been in expectation of ye advise of your arrival at Cape Breton, &

* This short note is on a separate piece of paper, but is filed with the preceding letter, and is indorsed "May 1st." Nearly all of Warren's letters to Pepperrell are in the handwriting of a clerk or secretary. — EDS.

† The firm of Colman & Sparhawk was composed of Benjamin Colman and Nathaniel Sparhawk, Pepperrell's son-in-law, merchants in Boston. Their business adventures were not prosperous, and Pepperrell lost heavily by them. By his will dated in Jan., 1759, he gave to his son-in-law only "all the debt he oweth me, that is the dividend which shall be allowed me for my demand on him & his late partner Benjamin Colman." After the death of his wife and daughter the bulk of his property was to go to his grandson William Pepperrell Sparhawk, "provided & on condition that after he arrives to the age of twenty-one years he shall procure an Act of the Great & General Court of this Province of the Massachusetts Bay that his name shall from thence forward be call'd William Pepperrell and to leave the name of Sparhawk." Colman was born in Boston Oct. 28, 1710, graduated at Harvard College in 1727, and died in Boston April 20, 1765. See Sargent's Maine Wills, pp. 845, 851. — EDS.

are not a little chagrin'd at ye want of it. As the winds have for a week past hung northerly, we hope we shall soon be reliev'd by ye good news of your land^g^ there safely & hav^g^ made ye expected progress in reducing the city of Luisburgh. For your good success in this important affair you have our best wishes in particular. We hope ye letter will seasonably convey to you our sentiments on ye affair we discours'd before your departure; we mean relat^g^ to ye purchase of any prize goods y^t^ may be offer'd for sale at Luisburgh or Canso. What we would at present propose to take a concern in is in ye purchase of such goods as would turn to good acco^t^ at Great Britain, provided they could be had at such prices as would leave some profit after pay^g^ the extravagant prem^o^ of insurance, freight & other charges attend^g^ ye sale of goods, now in ye case we would be glad to take a third in any purchase wth you & Mr Waldo (to whom we have wrote on ye head by ye opportunity) & would negotiate the affair between ye place & London, if you agree to it. Now ye great difficulty y^t^ immediately occurs to us is y^t^ if any prizes are taken they cannot be dispos'd of wth you, as you have no person invested wth proper authority to condemn them & convey the property to the captors. The goods must therefore be sent here, when there will appear so many buyers y^t^ a purchase of any consequence can't be made to advantage. As to rum & moll^s^ we don't incline at present to a concern in either of them, as there can be little got by it. We fear those goods will finally pay ye port duty; in such case nigh half ye value is lost to ye captors. Indigo, sugar, cochineal are commoditys y^t^ will answer well if good in quality & bo't cheap. We shall be better able to advise you in our next what you may venture to give (in case a purchase could be safely made before condemnation) for any of those commodities, for we have for near six months been without a prise curr^t^ from London, which ye ships hourly expected from thence

will bring us. Its thought our Judge of Admiralty will take bond for ye port dutys, as is done at New York & some other of ye plantations, but unless they are remitted finally by the Crown ye evil is only postponed for a while & must be submitted to at last. Indigo & cochineal pay no duty here or at home. Sugar pays 12/ st^g^ duty at Great Britain, but as it draws back 8/ ℔ ℄ what foreign sugars are carried there are reentered for exportation. No contraband goods pay any duty here, as brandys, claret, or other wine, or goods of ye manufactury of France, Spain, &c^a^. Y^e^ 2^d^ sort of French sugars sell best at home in proportion; ye price they bore last fall was 26/ @ 28/ ℔ ℄ at London. We are sorry for ye loss of your brig^n^ Andrew & Elizabeth; Capt Cram has return'd home, as you have been doubtless advis'd ere now. We heartily wish you health & success in ye great affair under your conduct, & are with great respect, Honble Sir,

Yo^r^ most obl^d^ hum. serv^ts^.

COLMAN & SPARHAWK.

Gen^ll^ PEPPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAPE BRETON ISLAND, May 1st, 1745.

S^r^, — I have just receiv'd yours of this morning's date; observe with pleasure what you write of a French ship's being chas'd by some of your ships into one of the eastern harbours, and that you have so much reason to expect she has fallen into their hands. I find it very difficult landing here by reason of the great surf. Landed ab^t^ 2000 men yesterday, hope to get on shore the remainder wth the stores and some of the artillery this day; as soon as the vessells are unloaded I will take care to appoint some of the most suitable to cruize between you and the camp. Bosch has the heavy cannon on board, but shall endeavour that some vessell of force attend

the small vessells that shall cruize near Louisbourg harbour. Shall allso order a suitable detachm^{t} to destroy the settlem^{ts} at the harbours to the eastward of Louisbourg. The brig^{t} wch has on board the cloath^{s} for y^{r} men have ord^{d} to you immediately, wch was vallued at Canso at £1910 O. T. If you incline to purchase one half or a third of her Brig^{a} Waldo & myself will take the other part, to be employ'd as a cruizer if you can fitt her out & man her. She will need a cable, having slipt one at Canso. As to a battery at Chappeau Rouge Bay, I think we cannot spare cannon nor men for that purpose at present, but shall order a sloop of force to protect the transports that may lay there. I design in a few days to dispatch a vessell to Boston to inform his Excellency of our situation and to urge a speedy supply of provisions, of whose sailing you shall have timely notice. Shall take care to give you information when we design any attack, that you may favour the same. Yesterday a party of ab^{t} 150 of the enemy made a salley from the garrison to annoy our landing who were well receiv'd by those of our party who first landed. Of the enemy seven or eight were killed, and as many taken prisoners, without loss of any of our men, only one or two slightly wounded. Yesterday & last night the enemy burnt their houses between the city and Royall Battery, which I wish they had omitted. Our people are all in spirits & hope shall soon assign them a time for a general push. I esteem myself much obliged for your offer of wine; for the present we are tolerably well stockt. I wish you & your squadron all possible success. Brig^{a} Waldo sends his hearty service to you, allso the other gentlemen. We are now marching thro' the woods in order to encamp, where I received and answer yours; must therefore beg excuse and refer being more particular till another opportunity.

Y^{rs}, &c. W. P.

P. S. Shall forward your inclos'd to Canso, and give the needfull directions as to the signals. I have given orders that the prisoners taken be sent out to you; vizt, 3 by the Conn^{t} guard sloop, one by the brig^{t} wch has the cloathing, & one by Mr Dodd.

W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAPE BRETON ISL^{D}, May 2^{d}, 1745.

S^{r}, — I have just rec^{d} yours of yesterday's date. The bearer Capt Prentice in the Connecticut guard sloop waits on you for your orders, and shall with all possible dispatch send you some schooners for the purposes you mention. They are this day landing the stores, the weather not permitting before. Am now to give you the agreeable news that we have this morning taken possession of the Royall Battery, wch the enemy had deserted. As soon as I am settled in my camp, shall give you my thoughts upon what you mention'd relating to Chappeau Rouge Bay & Canso. Allso of settling a communication the nearest way, and giving you a signal in the night; shall allso observe your request of sending an aide de camp wth my letters. I hope the agreeable prospect you have of your ships' having taken the French ship you mention will soon be confirm'd. Am much oblig'd to you for the offer of some marines, shall soon be able to answer you on that head, &c. Cannot learn what the explosion of powder yesterday was. A woman taken from the Grand Battery says it was a number of swivel guns fired into the air from thence. Pray excuse my not being more perticular, being in the open air, destitute of all conveniencys. You shall soon hear from me again. In the mean time, I am

Y^{rs}, &c. W. P.

WILLIAM VAUGHAN * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To y^r Honble W. Pepperrell, Esqr, Generall, &c.

ROYALL BATTERY AT LEWISBOURG, May 2^d, 1745.

May it please your Honour, to be informed y^t with ye grace of God and ye courage of about thirteen men I entred this place about nine a clock and am waiting here for a reinforcem^t and flag. Be pleased further to be informed y^t there are about 100 men now landed on ye light house side, proceeding up ye northeast part of ye harbour, as I supose to destroy about 50 sail of vessells, &c. If y^r Honour think it proper to send ye whale boatts imediately round two miles without ye Island Battery to land & cut them off, I beleive it will be of service. Y^r

W. VAUGHAN.

JOHN BRADSTREET † TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Hon^l Lieu^t General Pepperall, Esqr.

SIR, — I find the Grand Baterey in but a bad condition, but notwithstanding we can soon repair it as well as ever. I beg you'l send the smiths & armerores as soon as possible to drill open the vents of the cannon. We shall want hanspicks, ramers & spunges & a quantity of powder; ball we have a great quantity, & shells of all sorts. The mortours are carred off. We may have four 42 pounder ready to play on the town by to-morrow by 12 o'clock, if the above things are sent express hast. Dr Sir, I remain

Your most obed^t hum. serv^t.

2 May, 1745. JN° BRADSTREET.

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* It was Vaughan who first suggested to Gov. Shirley the expedition against Louisbourg. The battery taken by him was sometimes called the Royal Battery and sometimes the Grand Battery. The interesting despatch here printed is on a scrap of soiled paper about three inches wide and seven and a half inches long, and the handwriting shows the disadvantages under which it must have been written. — EDS.

† John Bradstreet had a varied and distinguished military experience. He was born in England in 1711, and died in New York Sept. 25, 1774. He was at this time Lieutenant Colonel of Pepperrell's own regiment. See Appleton's Cyclopædia of Amer. Biog., vol. i. p. 353. — EDS.

EDWARD TYNG TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

CAPE BARONCE BAY, on bo^d the Massachusetts Frigate, 3^d May, 1745.

SIR, — I was on board Commodore Warren at a Councill of War, when he wrote you to know your opinion on the ships' boats & whale boats making an attack upon the Island Battery. We are not well acquainted with the scituation of it, as you must be, but we are full in opinion that we might succed. I put in here for wood, water, rum, & provisions to get out of the brig^t you sent me, because I cou'd not get him to bring it out to us. Mr Warren wou'd be glad of a quarter of beef; for my part I have no fresh provisions on board. I heartily congratulate you on the great success you have allready met with. Yesterday I sent Fletcher after a sloop and scooner that was to the eastward of the harbour, but they ran into some of them bays, & got clear of him for the want of the scooners Mr Warren wrote you about. I am glad to hear your people are in such high spirits & long to see you in Louisbourg harbour, & am, Sir,

Y^r Hon^r's most hum^le serv^t.

EDW^D TYNG.

P. S., Sir, you'd do me a great deal of pleasure if you'd let Capt Bennet be the first packet, as he quited his vessell for the service.

SAMUEL WALDO* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

ROYALL BATTERY, 3^d May, 1745.
Fryday noon, 12 Cl^o, 15 m̄.

SIR, — We are without return fr^o the town for the last three guns within 20 minutes fired into the citydell. We

* Samuel Waldo was the second in command under Pepperrell at the siege of Louisbourg. He was born in Boston in 1696, and became a wealthy merchant and a large land-owner. He died suddenly on his own land in Maine, May 23, 1759. See Drake's Dict. of Amer. Biog., p. 947; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. xviii. p. 177. — EDS.

are in ye most extrem want of liquor; all the brandy & wine gone, even to a drop; begg you'll send the quantity of a hogshead in keggs for this purpose, some of w^ch^, some I send for this purpose. Pray favour us with one of the union flaggs; we make a mean appearance under two fishermen's old ensigns. Yo^r^ Honour mistook Col^o^ Broadstreet, he says, on this head. Our people are most of them in good spirrets; a supply of ye two articles above will animate them yet further & are absolutely necessary, as the bread they want to eat. What was sent last night extended no further than half a biskett cake a man. I send two baggs to help bring the keggs in. I am, Honble Sir,

Yo^r^ obed^t^ & obliged humb. serv^t^

S. WALDO.

To the Honble Generall PEPPERRELL, att the camp, Louisbourg.

To the Honble Generall Pepperrell att the camp before Louisburg.

P. S. to 3^d^ May, 1745, 15 m. after 12.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — Since the foregoing I find the Captain of Comodore Warren's marines, who is experienced in action & has doubtless a proper comand over his men, is willing to be on this post; he says 150 or 200 may be spared. Your good offices, hope will be effectual for this good purpose without giveing men in exchange. The reason I took the liberty by Col^o^ Broadstreet's advice as well as my motion to propose to your Honour my regiment being sent hither was owing to my having three companys of mine here. As the first part sent here is a tour of honour, I begg pardon for proposing men when it was undoubtedly out of order. I am, with much respect & esteem, Honble Sir,

Yo^r^ most dutyfull serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

You'll please to send if you think proper, either your own or ye Major Gen^ll's^, & if you have any comands for me at the camp, I will attend you this evening.

Y^rs^ S. W.

To tha Honble Genl PEPPERRELL.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Generall Pepperrell, att the camp before Louisburg.

ROYALL BATTERY, 3^d^ May, 1745, half after 7 o'clock in ye even^g^.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — I have received by two men a bagg of bread & another of pork; by Mr Greenleaf I have your Excell^y's^ fav^r^. I hope the rest of ye provisions, rum, &c^a^, for the forces, also the gunpowder, have not by ignorance of the party fallen into the town. About half an hour ago we opend another of the cannon & gave the town a salvo of both near together. They have not tho't proper as yet to take notice of it, but as the proper season is now approaching for night work it's more than probable we shall hear from them soon, but by their late performances they have either gott upon a vein of Parson Pain's hollow ware or their powder is badd, many of their bombs not having splitt, one of which is taken up by a soldier & contains very badd powder, two oth^rs^ y^t^ were taken up are filld with sand & dirt, that I hope tho they have been very lavish of the powder, &c^a^, all this day, they haveing by the most mean computation burnt above thirty barrells of powder; ours is all expended save one round for the two cannon, & I am sure it would have been a great pleasure to y^r^ Honour to have seen ye application yourself.

Col^o^ Broadstreet & myself are firmly of opinion that the Govr of Louisburg would give a very ready answer to a sumons for surrender by hanging up the messenger thereof, unless we had made a more formidable gen^l^

appearance than we have been yet able to make. My absence from hence can be much better dispensed with than Col° Broadstreet's. We appreh^d^ we can either of us do most service here. You'll therefore, Sir, as you finally have left ye affair to us wheth^r^ to attend the Council or not, excuse us.

The Island Battery has been not a little troublesome to us by the fire from their cannon & mortars; we propose not to molest them, but bend what little force we can make against the town, which may probably favour your design against that fortress.

Your Hon^r^ will, Col° Broadstreet & myself trust, excuse our forwardness in giveing sentiment about the operations of the grand camp. Your mortars, we are informed, will be ready to play to-morrow, but unless you have your battering pieces all of them ready before any attack is comenced you'll in all likelyhood, in case the enemy's ammunition holds out, be so annoyed that you'll be unable to effect your works. On hearing your motion we were, to divert a discovery, the more intent in our attack, & in case we have a supply of powder the business of to-morrow from this quarter will intirely take up their attention. I take the liberty to refer y^r^ Hon^r^ to the bearer for an account of the shatterd condition of the buildings of this fortress owing to this day's work, but were they worse the hold is well worth keeping, this part of the island being capable of good improvement.

I was for want of paper under necessity of making use of very unfitt paper, & that in scanty portions, that if y^r^ Hon^r^ is pleased to continue me here from an apprehention that I can be serviceable, I begg y^r^ Secr^y^ may be directed to send me some, also wafers or wax.

The flagg I wrote y^r^ Hon^r^ for be pleased to send & I will be answerable for it, if the enemy takes it after it reaches my hands, provided the proper supply of men under good officers can be afforded. Three fourths of

the forces which you apprehend (by some intelligence I have received) are here are partly employed in speculation on the neighbouring hills & partly in ravageing the country. Severall good houses were burnt by them the last night, & a considerable loss will be the consequence, as well as disgrace; one store with a large quantity of fish & salt in it, another of sea coal, in which after the fire was out, a scout I sent brought me account he saw remains of cordage & sails, 36 barrs Spanish iron, 25 anchors, & a large number of grapnolds. What the morrod^{rs}, who are unknown to us, carryed of is uncertain; but doubtless they obtaind some booty. I fear y^{r} Hon^{r} will be under necessity of appointing a morroding officer with ye proper powers, & without it, should an obstinate siege be our portion, a train of ill consequences must ensue which I doubt not you'll be pleased to consider of. I have not had two hundred men in service in any part of this day, & as the works are here open, & the soldiery of the enemy numerous, I can't think we are safe here with less than 500 men. I submit to y^{r} pleasure, & am with respect, Sir,

Y^{r} Hon^{rs} most obed^{t} s^{t}.

S. WALDO.

Genl PEPPERRELL.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.*

P. S. to 3^{d} May, 1745,
45 m̄. after 9 in ye even^{g}.

HON^{BLE} SIR, — Since ye inclosed we have had no fire from the enemy, who I hope are as well tired with the fatigue of the day as our garrison is. I omitted to inform y^{r} Honour in the morning of my sending by Col^{o} Chandler five prisoners taken by a scout I sent from hence.

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* This letter and the one immediately following are written on the two sides of a half-sheet of paper. — EDS.

By Capt Pearson I have two barr^{ls} of gunpowder. I can assure y^{r} Hon^{r} that our two cannon that are fitt for service will expend it in less than an hour. The blank indent for rum given him extends no further than fifteen gallons. Give me leave to inform you as to the former that the weight of our ordnance requires 16^{l} for each charge, & the latter at the Province allowance will not serve 300 men one day, but in time of action & from frequent fly^{g} partys from yor camp to this garrison more must be expended. A commissary will be necessary here on many acco^{ts}, but notwithstanding such an officer being here, y^{r} orders for necessary & prudentiall distribution beyond the establishment on emergencys will be necessary.

You [will] please to order one of them accordingly. I am, Honble S^{r},

Y^{r} most obed^{t} serv^{t}.

S. Waldo.

Genl Pepperrell.

Col^{o} Broadstreet desires me to tell y^{r} Hon^{r} that it will be of the utmost ill consequence to ye expedition to take the least step towards a parly with the enemy untill we have gott our whole artillery in the best order to play on them, and as near as possible to their stronghold, and not to fire a bomb or lett the enemy know the places we intend for our severall batterys, but make our approaches by night & as silent as possible. Otherwise it may appear to the enemy we are doubtfull of our strength to effect our design, & will encourage them to hold out the longer. This is also my humble opinion, and we also joyn in sentiments that an attack against the Island Battery wch we see daily reinforced, on account, it's probable, of Commodore Warren's frequent appearance near the same, had best to deferrd, by which the enemy will be free from jealousy of any design against that battery, & the acquisi-

tion of it rendred hereby easy, if you still think of a surprize. I am, S^r^,

Y^r^ s^vt^.

S. WALDO.

Pray let Mr Green order French rum instead of N. England.

Genl PEPPERRELL.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 4th May, 1745.

SIR, — Tis reasonable to believe the enemy have sent out some vessells to meet their fleet and tell them their situation; if they find them, & that they are not superior to us, they will go into some other port to the northward, from whence they may supply Lewisbourg both with men and provisions in shallops, and as wee meet no ships, I am the more apprehensive this may be the case. I wou'd have sent one or two of the small country cruizers to look out to the northward, and to have destroy'd all the fishing houses, and bring as many shallops as they cou'd get, which wou'd likely be of great use to us. This may not be too late; if it meets your approbation please to let me know, for I imagined from receiving no answer from you on that head you might intend to save the houses for our own subjects. I think it wont be amiss to give the officer that commands at the Grand Battery orders to show English colours, and fire at a good distance at any French ships going in that may escape us, and at the same time if wee are near wee will hoist French coulers, which may prove a good deceit. I have not one schooner to tend on me, and none but your Collony cruizers and Captain Thompson trouble their heads about me. Pray, Sir, is my letter gone to Cancoa, and when do you send to Boston? Several of the sloops and schooners hoist flags at their mastheads, which often puzles me, as it is the signal setled

between you & me. Please to direct none to hoist it but such as you send and want to speak with me. I have since writing the above receiv'd intelligence that two ships are now lying in a port fourteen leagues to the eastward, and am going to send the Eltham, Captain Tyng, the Road Island ship, who draws but little water, and the Connecticut sloop in quest of them or any others they may meet with in their way. I shou'd be glad to have a more frequent intercourse with you, and as I know you have little time to spare, one of your aid de camps, or any other officer, cou'd write me all the news ashore, and if you have a blew flagg or ensign, I beg upon my appearance, or any of the squardron, you will hoist it on a pole near your tent as a signal when all is well, and will answer it by a Dutch flagg at my main topgallant masthead. This will be deliver'd to you by Mr Agnue, who will explain my intention to you, which I beg leave to assure you is with all the vigour in my power to contribute to your success. You'l please to communicate anything to him verbally that you have not time to write. After I had finish'd my letters I had the favour of yours of this date by Mr Agnue, which I am glad to find is in a great measure answer'd by this before I receiv'd it. It gives me satisfaction to find wee agree in opinion. I think with you, when the attack is made on the Island Battery one ship off the harbour will be enough. The sooner the schooner goes to Newfoundland the better. I shall be ready whenever you please to send her. I send you two dozen of lemons & a carboy of claretⁱ. If you want wine or any West India rum for your own or my friends' use, pray let me know. The French prisoners are very troublesome, both to us and the Collony cruizers. Shou'd be glad to know what you intend to do with them. I am, with the greatest respect & esteem, S^{r},

Y^{r} most obed^{t} humb. serv^{t}.

P. Warren.

P. S. If you cou'd send two or three good sailing schooners to fish upon the banks of Quero, they will both resush your troops & bring us intelligence of any French ships upon the banks. Four schooners are come to attend me, one of which I send with the Eltham, &c.

Lt General PEPEREL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAMP NEAR LOUISBOURG, May 4th, 1745.

SIR, — Yours of this date have just receiv'd by Mr Agnue; am entirely of opinion that it will be very convenient and necessary to send some vessells to visit the northern harbours, and am much pleas'd with your determination of sending the Eltham, &c., that way. One of the largest union flags we have is hoisted at the Grand Battery, & shall take care to give orders to the commanding officer there to fire upon any French ships that may escape you. I have not a blue flag to improve as a signal to you of all being well, but shall upon that occasion hoist a union flag, wch you will be pleas'd to answer with a Dutch flag at y^r^ main top gall^t^ masthead. I have given express orders to the masters of the transports, except them sent to you, not to hoist any flags. The unaccountable irregular behaviour of these fellows & of some maroders is the greatest fatigue I meet with; hope to reduce them to a better discipline soon. I now send you out a fifth schooner to attend you, the master of which, Newmarch, is acquainted wth the harbours round the island; have allso ordered out three schooners to fish. I propose in a day or two to dispatch a vessell to Canso and Boston, of wch you shall have notice, by which shall forward the letter, & shall take that opportunity to send up the prisoners. Am vastly obliged to you for your favour of the claret & lemons and repeated kind offers. You shall hear from me as often as possible. We have

had considerable success hitherto, having clear'd three of the 42 pounders at the Grand Battery wch play smartly on the town, and have done considerable execution, the 3^d^, 4th & 5th shott fell into the roof of the citidall, & the most into the town. We have begun to play the mortars & some cohorns on the town; the first bomb & most since have fell into the town; hope very soon to be able to inform you of our having a good battery of heavy cannon compleated for use. We have not yet had one man wounded by all the bombs & shott that the enemy have thrown, very few of them have fell within the Grand Battery. I propose to lay your plan of operation before my Council of War to-morrow morning, am perswaded it will meet with universal approbation. We have had no deserters from the enemy, unless some of the prisoners may be esteem'd such that came out in the first sally, who appear'd to be as well pleas'd wth being taken, as they would have been to have returned. Some of the French prisoners say the Swiss soldiers are in irons for fear of their deserting. They have no deserters from us, and believe there is little danger on that head. The other particulars you desired to be inform'd of, shall let you know to-morrow as near as am able.

Y^rs^ &c.

W. P.

To the Honble PETER WARREN, Esqr, &c., &c., &c.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAMP NEAR LOUISBOURG, May 4th, 1745.

S^r^, — Your favour by Mr Agnue I rec^d^. Am entirely of opinion with you that it will be of the utmost consequence to get possession of the Island Battery, which I propose to attempt the first favourable opportunity after the battering cannon and mortars are ready to play on the town; shall be glad of the assistance of w^t^ boats wth men

you can spare, and think it will be best for your ships to draw off from the mouth of the harbour, leaving the boats & men to join ours. I immagine they will be under no apprehensions of being attacked by boats, and will draw their force chiefly into the town to repulse the attack on the back of it, wch we at the same time shall make a feint of, as they can soon reinforce the Island Battery from the town w^n^ they perceive the approach of the ships. I congratulate you on your capture of a ship, the want of which must be very disadvantageous to the enemy. I think it may be of service to order some of the guns from her into the schooners employ'd by you. Am much oblig'd for your kind offer of stores on board. I observe the news by your French prize; hope we shall be able to give their men o' war a welcome if they come this way. I now send you out one schooner, and shall send you two others as soon as they are unladen; shall also dispatch one to Newfoundland, who shall call on you for your orders. It is agreeable to my instructions from his Excellency, the Capt General, to destroy the houses, &c., wch cannot be of service to us, w^ch^, I think, none can be at more than two leagues from Louisbourg. In further particulars must refer to Mr Agnue whom I observe you have appointed your aide de camp. I am much pleased with the gentleman, and shall improve him one of my aide de camps likewise. My best wishes of health and prosperity attend you, and am

Y^rs^, &c.

W. P.

To the Honble PETER WARREN, Esqr, &c.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Lieu^t^ Generall Pepperrell, Com^dr^ in Chief of the Forces, &c., att the camp before Louisburg.

Honble Sir, — My last was by Capt Pearson, who went from hence for the camp late last night. The enemy afforded us last night only three bombs; this day we have received from them eleven shells & two shott, none of which have done us any damage. We have returnd them eight shott only, owing to a defect in our platform, which will soon be repaird. We have not yet any addition to the serviceable cannon. The armourers make very tedious work att their drills. I question whether shall be able to play any further number untill tomorrow. You'll perceive, Sir, the enemy are pritty cool; what they are projecting we know not, but its most certain had they in either of the two nights past attack't us, even with a party of 200 men, we should have sufferd greatly, but when my regiment, or any other to be posted here by y^r^ orders, is with their officers compleat, duty will be much better done, & with the least prudence there will be no hazard of a sally from the town to our prejudice. It is necessary for this garrison to be furnished with a doctor, & as Dr Cast is here & very active, if y^r^ Hon^r^ is pleased to continue him, be pleased to allow a guard to his chest which he has sent for. You must be sensible, Sir, that the four barrells of powder sent us yesterday & the last night will make out but 24 charges, that unless a further supply, it will be to little purpose for us to show the proposed forwardness. The rum sent is all expended without any waiste, I think, & the other provisions will soon be gone, and as I doubt not you will at all hazards support this post, will it not be best to give a more liberall supply, that you may not so often be troubled with applications that interfere with more weighty affairs, as well as your repose. I pray you'll be referrd to my former

letters wch are unanswerd, & as soon as Col^o^ Moulton & Capt Donnahew arrives, favour me with your orders to the two companys belonging to my regiment y^t^ is with them. Lieu^t^ Allen with part of Jaques's company is at the camp; unless you think he is more needed there than here, be pleased accordingly to give your orders. I am with due respect, y^r^ Hon^r^^s^

Most obed^t^ & obliged serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 4th May, 1745, 11 o'clock, A. M.

P. S. This moment we have received from the enemy a shell & a shott & made them a return of two shott, one of which went into the town, the other into the ships & against the wall.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — I have your favour of ye date; my regiment are some of them I fear too disorderly. Every company are now here, & I will exert myself to have them in good order; (the two with Col^o^ Moulton & Capt Donnahew I hope soon to see, after they have given you a sattisfactory account of their success); any delinquency in them I shall duly notice y^r^ Hon^r^ of. I miss Mr Allen, Capt Jaques's Lieu^t^. Whether the small part of the company y^t^ were left with him are come over this day or not, I am not certain of, but I think they are not. I have rec^d^ the powder sent this day, vizt, ten barrells, & have burnt the whole of it, & of what came last night, except two barrells, & I think we were very lucky in our shotts. A recruit is therefore necessary. I have had the mortification this afternoon to observe the baddness of your bombs. You may be accomodated with a good number of shells that will suit the mortars from this fortress, which the enemy in their abandoning it left behind them & executed some meaner

scheems instead hereof, too tedious & triffling to entertain y^r^ Hon^r^ with. I can't think it possible by the force of this battery, thô as loyall as ever it was royall, to answer your full expectations as to ye reduction of our powerfull neighbour, thô by many intelligences, as well as the actions of the day, they must be in great pannics. The Blessed Virgin has never been worshiped so much in the city of Louisbourg in any one week since its foundation as this afternoon; the bells having been ringing almost ye whole time, save small respitts for prayers, wch their Idoll will not hear. As much depends on the drilling the pluggs out of ye cannon, I have applyed myself to encourage the artificers to effect y^t^ work. We have by help of an honest Conecticutt man gott three at last to play on the enemy, & I hope a fourth will be ready to-morrow morning, and the whole train I will leave no stone unturnd to have in readyness to form another camp within half or three quart^rs^ of a mile of the West Gate, wch I have had at heart ever since I had ye honour of entring this fortress, wch by y^r^ Hon^r's^ favour & the blessing of Heaven I doubt not to sustain. I shall with Col^o^ Broadstreet soon reconoitre the ground for a proper battery, & employ all the force I have & can spare to erect a sodd battery for cover to them, but for this purpose many implements wch y^r^ Hon^r^ is best judge of will be necessary, & I doubt not will timely furnish. I am informed there is one Pratt, a steward in Capt Stephen Lee's company who is a good operator in ye armoury way, & is minded to come hither. As we cant have too many of these usefull men, begg he may be sent, and more provisions of all species; what received this day is not a full 24 hours' allowance.

The number of cannon left here is thirty, of which twenty-eight are about 42 pounders, and the others about 18 pounders. The weight for want of steelyards or scales, can't be certain of, but they are as good pieces as we could desire. I fear the only badd quallity in them will

be, in opinion of our principalls, that they devour too much powder.

As it is very uncertain when the pluggs of the cannon will be bored out, & some of them whether ever, I doubt not y^r^ Hon^r^ will insist on the New Eng^d^ & New York trains being transported to some proper situation for the service they were originally destined. As to the difficulty of their transportation, with good resolution in the gentle^n^ who ought to negotiate that part I hope it may be easily obviated.

I am very sorry to hear both y^r^ Hon^r^ & Brigg^r^ Dwight have been indisposed, but greatly rejoyce to hear you are both better. I pray God to preserve both y^r^ healths & lengthen such usefull lives.

I send by the bearer five Frenchmen & one negro, prisoners, & if I could spare more of my men, if a further number would be agreeable, you might have a good supply of these gentry.

I hear y^r^ Hon^r^ has taken an effectuall method to prevent morroding. I shall in case I can't take any Frenchmen endeavour to find straglers belonging to ye camp, & shall use them in a proper manner untill you send for them.

Three shells from the bomb battery dropt into such a part of the city as must chagrine the inhabitants, who between two fires must be greatly harrassed.

I begg pardon for the detention given the bearer hereof, Capt John Warner. I could not in the time of action by any means compose myself to address you in my proper manner. I wish you success in the generall undertaking, to which if I can be any way instrumentall I shall heartily rejoyce. I wish the capacity & experience were equall to the zeal of, Honble Sir,

Your most obedient & obl^d^ hum. serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 4th May, 1745, 8 o'clock in the evening.

The enemy have been very sparing of their powder, &c^{a}, all the day; by the muster they now make they would willingly make us believe they will not sleep all the night, but they may as well do it, as effect no more than that of the night past wch afforded us only three shells. We begin now to be bomb proof, & the more they give, the greater the obligation. The operation of ye day is as follows.

91 cannon from the Royall Battery to ye enemy.

3 ditto } from the enemy agst ye Battery. S. W.
24 bombs }

The Honble Lieu^{t} Genl PEPPERRELL.

CHARLES PROCTER AND JAMES NOBLE* TO SAMUEL WALDO.

To the Honnarable Samuel Waldo, Esqr, in the Grand Baterry, in Lewis Burgh. Capt Shaw.

May ye 7th, 1745.

HONER^{D} SIR, — We have took the next town to the North East Harbour, in which was considerable of plondor, and twenty prisnors, by whome we ware informed that there was an hundred men besides families in a town to which place we marched this day, and see a sholop loaden with men a going of to an island where they all keep. They deprived the harbour of all vessels, for which we were forced to return. We think it expedient, if that your Honnour pleases to send forty or fifty more men to compleat a sufficient number to take the people and plunder, which is verry valuable. We are verry much fateaged by marching or we would have sent the prisnors this night, but intend to send them the morrow. We are

* By the roster of Waldo's regiment it appears that James Noble was commissioned Captain of the 7th company Feb. 8, 1744–5; Charles Procter, Lieutenant of the 1st company Feb. 9; and James Noble, Lieutenant of the 2d company Feb. 8. Presumably there were two officers of the name of James Noble in the regiment. The letter and postscript here printed are written on the same half-sheet of foolscap paper; and if our inference is correct, the letter was probably signed by the Lieutenant and the postscript by the Captain, though there is considerable resemblance between the signatures. — EDS.

all in good health, and hope your Honnour will be expeditious in this affair. In so doing you will oblige yourself and humble servants.

CHARLES PROCTER.
JAMES NOBLE.

HONERABLE BREGEDER WALDO, S^R^, — I sent y^r^ Honer a presnur. Y^r^ men have taken 20 presnors, which I will take all care to deliver y^r^ Honer, 4 of which is hansom ladeys. Y^e^ island, I think, is not expediant to atact till furder orders & asistance. Will make all posible speed to send the obteand plunder to y^r^ Honer. I shall gladly goe to ye island: hope y^r^ Honer will send 50 men, I hope, by which asistance with God's asistance subdue the same and gett grate plunder. May, Wenedowy, 7th, eight a clock. I delivrd y^m^ to Shaw.

Y^r^ Honer's dutifull ser^t^.

J^s^ NOBLE.

SAMUEL RHODES* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the H^ble^ Wm Pepperell, Esqr. These

GRAND BATERY, May the 7th, 1745.

H^RLE^ SIR, — I had the misfortune yesterday to be dangerously wounded (at a time that I thought I was of service to the present expedition) by the carelessness of one of my assistants who took upon him in my absence to load a gun when I was doing my duty at another bastion, who through ignorance gave that gun a double charge. I hope y^r^ Hon^r^ will not impute the above to my fault, for I can assure your Honour that it was through the imprudency of those persons that were appointed to assist me. Your Honour will not take it strange that I write you these epistle, but as I have the misfortune to

* Samuel Rhodes was commissioned as Captain of the 8th company in Col. Moulton's regiment Jan. 29, 1745, and as aide-de-camp May 1. — EDS.

have a great many enemies, and those persons should be glad to take hold of an opportunity of hurting me, I therefore humbly prays your Honour to be assured that the above is nothing but the real fact. I have the honour to subscribe myself with the highest respect, Honble Sir,

Your Honour's most humble & most obedient serv^{t}.

SAM^{L} RHODES.

P. S. While I loaded the guns myself there was no accid^{ts} happened, but as soon as I was obliged to attend two bastion this unlucky aff^{r} happened.

W^{M} PEPPERELL, Esqr. These.

AMMI RUHAMAH CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesty's Service. To the Hon^{l} William Pepperrell, Esqr, Lieut. General of Army & Forces against Cape Breton. Att Chappeaurouge Bay or Louisbourge, this ❦ Capt Arno.

CANSO, May 8, 1745.

SIR, — I just now rec^{d} the letter herewith inclosed by Capt Bradford, in the sloop Good Intent from Boston in 14 days, laden with provisions for the army. She run ashore last night coming into the harbour, & is not yet got off, having broke her boom in the passage, & can't proceed till it is mended. I have therefore sent the inclosed by Capt Arno, in Capt Donnehew's prize sloop, being the only conveyance at hand. It being the Governour's order to forward them to ye Hon^{r} without a moment's loss of time. I shall forward Capt Bradford with the provisions as soon as possible. Yesterday Capt Donnehew discovered among the French prisoners on board the Victory a design to rise & carry her off, which was so apparent that their Captain himself being present could not deny it. I therefore ordered six Frenchmen with part of ye Indians to be put on board Capt Donnehew,

& six on board Capt Beckett. On Monday last Francis Sambrieux, with two of his sons, & Francis Langley, Frenchmen, from the island of Madam, came hither in a small boat, a flagg of truce, with a letter, which Capt Furnell left on shore when he came from thence, directing them to come hither to seek their wives & children. They are willing to tarry here & labour for their subsistence, & inform of sundry others, their relatives, on that island, which they desire may be sent for. Capt Donnehew & Capt Beckett are going on a short cruise to the harbours of St Peter's & ye places adjacent, upon the information the s^{d} Sambrieux has given of sundry vessells laid up there, taking him with them. I am

Y^{r} Hon^{m} humb. serv^{t}.

To Genl Pepperrell. Ammi R. Cutter.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Honble Sir, — Your fav^{r} of yesterday even^{g} came duly to my hand, & I have with the few people I could raise been ever since till this moment attending the service, & am sorry that ye scheem was not executed according to your proposall. I have no great reason to expect any probability of its being done this morning, as the adventurers may by some be thought too much exposed to the enemy's fire from the town. As to boats there are few if any here fitt for the service; but had the proposed attack ensued, should have done as well as we could. The most resolute & brave men of this garrison, to the number of about ninety, have been out on other affairs, wch I thought of consequence. Mr Shaw is here & brought me the inclosed letter from Capt Noble & Mr Procter. Others in their marches to town for provisions, baggage, &c^{a}, & I fear partly cowardice, thô the pretence was indispositions of various kinds, declined the service, which to force them into I could not think would be of any advan-

tage. If against another time appointed for the service I can have previous notice, & you conclude shallops or such like vessells fitt for the purpose, I doubt not, exclusive of the men sent you, to make up the number of fifty & possibly one hundred voluntiers.

The powder sent hither, except two barrells, is expended, & as this will afford only about 14 charges, an imediate supply is necessary; the quantity you'll please to determine. We have had in the evening past a smart fire from the enemy, but no hurt done except to the works.

The short supply of rum, the severall Captains till me, is of prejudice to the people. Should one from the dead tell the soldiery anything in the prejudice of it 'twould have no weight.

You, Sir, are a perfect judge of the situation I am in as to the enemy, between two very formidable fires of theirs, & should the cannon of this fortress be silent (wch they cant at present be, unless for want of powder) their spirrits, wch I think are dropping, will revive, & this garrison be in danger of falling again into their hands, to the great prejudice of your good designs.

I shall be very glad to receive your orders to prepare for a speedy attack of the West Gate, towards which in my situation I may be serviceable in furnishing materials for a breastwork, in case then the quantity of fascines, oakum baggs, & wool sacks should in the camp be found deficient. This I am sensible is the buisness of more able & less engaged hands, & I should be very desirous of being excused from takeing any part therein unless absolutely necessary to the service, in which I shall on all occasions most readily & chearfully exert myself, also in executing any other of your comands. I am, Honble Sir,

Yo^{r} most obedient & most obl^{d} serv^{t}.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 8th May, 1745, 5 o'clock in the morn^{g}.

The Isl[d] Battery has already begun their salute of two shells since the appearance of y[e] sun. The town is as yet silent, w[ch] fear will not continue till I am ready for them.

S. W.

Lieu[t] Gen[l] PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM VAUGHAN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Hon[ble] W. Pepperrell, Esq[r], L[t] Gen[l] & Comand[r] in Cheife, of y[e] Brittish Forces before Lewisbourg.

ROYALL BATTERY, May 11, 1745.

HON[BLE] SIR, — I am fully persuaded y[t] I can take y[e] Island Batery from this place with y[e] boats y[t] are here, if you think it proper to give y[e] taking of y[t] place to myselfe. I dare to engage with y[e] blessing of God to send you y[e] flag within forty-eight hours from this time, if you think proper to give me ord[r] to conduct y[e] affair intirly by my own judgm[t]; with y[e] concurrance of y[e] party to go with me, I doubt not of successe. I think I perfectly know y[e] rocks we have already split on, and can avoid them or any other for y[e] future. If my offer be accepted y[e] sooner I have y[e] ord[rs] y[e] better, being persuaded I can find men enough y[t] will willingly go with me. I am, Hon[ble] Sir, with all due respects,

Your most ob[t] s[t].

W. VAUGHAN.

WILLIAM VAUGHAN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Hon[ble] W. Pepperrell, Esq[r], L[t] Gen[ll] of ye New England forces in ye camp before Lewisbourg.

ROYALL BATTERY, 12 clock, May 11th, 1745.

HON[BLE] SIR, — This letter brings y[r] Hon[r] ye mallancholy ac[t] y[t] this day about 9 or 10 a clock a party of Indians about 50 (except 2 Frenchmen) attacqued a party of our men abôt 20 at a place called Laballen. A young man named David Stanwood, one of ye party, is escaped with

ye bones of his right wrist fracturd. He says y^t^ they many of them were killed; ye remainder surrendred; they, ye E. shott after y^t^ 2 or 3; ye others they killd with spears. By ye best advice I have thought proper to send 150 men of. I expect they will be there within 3 hours, and from thence proceed 2 miles further where ther is a party of about 40 of our men. In ye time of writing 3 of our men of ye party are arrived sound; they say they judge y^r^ was 100 of ye enemy. I hope y^r^ Hon^r^ will so far reinforce this Battery y^t^ we may send out 100 men more this night or next morning early to support our party, y^t^ we may give them a thoroug repulse; as this is ye first attacque of this nature, ye supporting of ourselves well at this time may be of ye utmost service. All things are getting ready (y^t^ is ye vessells) for ye attacque of ye Island Battery. There appeared of ye harbour a brig this forenoon; we made ready to fire at her. She came near, then bore away. This minute there is of ye harbour turning up; we suppose her to be ye French scooner recovered, where ye forementioned attacque was made. We are ready for her, and as we may expect a French fleet every hour, pray grant y^t^ ye Battery attacque may be carryed on as soon as may be. With all due respects to y^r^ Hon^r^, I am (for Col^l^ Noble)

Your ob^t^ s^t^.

W. VAUGHAN.

Gen^ll^ PEPPERRELL.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, IN CHAPEAUROUGE BAY, the 11th May, 1745.

SIR, — I receivd your letter of this date this morning, and am of opinion, upon talking to Captain Dunnohoe, that the French ship said to be seen by him to the westward yesterday, was Captain Gayton in the Bien Aime, and that it was he who was off this bay last night, and tis probable stood off, thinking it to late to get in (as it is

fine weather to-day I hope he will get in, and clear up this point); my officers telling me he made the proper signals, setled by Governour Shirley for knowing the ships upon this expedition. Captain Dunnohoe wants to go to Cancoa, for his cable, anchor, and boat, which he left behind there. I intend to give him directions, if he shou'd meet the Bien Aime before she arrives here to tell Captain Gayton to call off Cancoa & convoy such store vessells and others as may be bound hither for the ships or camp. I agree with you that it may be attended with ill consequences to lessen our force upon this service at this juncture by sending a ship to Anapolis, as several ships of warr may be daily expected from France with succours and provisions for the garrison of Lewisbourg, which if they shou'd be able to introduce it wou'd frustrate our hopes of reducing that garrison to his Majesty's obedience. Tis probable, as Governour Shirley mentions nothing of Anapolis Royal in his letters to you or me, that there may be nothing in the rumour of the French's intention to attack it; however, I think it wou'd not be amiss to send one or two of the New England cruizers when they arrive to know the state of that garrison, but as it is uncertain when that will be (thô I have hourly expected them for several days past) it wou'd not be amiss to send a good sailing schooner there to know their situation. If you please to appoint one, I'll get my letters immediately ready for Collonel Mascarreen. I think the properest of the Collony cruizers to send there will be Captain Tyng, or Snelling, or any one of them with the Prince of Orange, or Boston Packett, with directions to return immediately if that garrison is in no danger. You'l please to give me your opinion which of them shou'd be sent. I find it will be impossible to keep the ships of warr together in this foggy climate, which may prove of ill consequence if any naval force shou'd arrive hither from France at the time that wee may be seperated. I therefore shall send out

to look for them, and propose for the future to make our rendezvous in and near this bay where I think wee shall be as ready and in as good a station as any to intercept any ships goirig into Lewisbourg, untill you have quite cut off their communication, both by sea and land, which cannot be better affected then by putting in execution the plan of operation which you resolv'd upon yesterday, particularly that article of appointing proper guard boats to cruize in the night under the point of the light house, to prevent the introduction of succours into the garrison by boats, shallops, or any other small vessells from any part of this island where the enemy's ships may put into. I think the whole plan that was concerted yesterday, if speedily & vigourously executed cant fail of reducing in time the garrison of Lewisbourg, which I wish had been attempted by storm as first agreed upon, thô it cou'd not have been executed then. If ever that scheme is reviv'd you shall have all the assistance from us in our power, as you shall upon all other occasions wherein you will please to lett me know wee can in any shape contribute to your success. But if it shou'd be thought necessary to joyn your troops with any men from our ships, it shou'd only be for some sudden attack that may be executed in one day or night, & whenever this shall happen I must beg you will give strict directions that no rum be sold to our men, who have all of them money, for upon enquiry I find that has been the occasion of the many disorders they committed when ashore. They have lost many of their arms. I beg you'l give direction to your officers to look for them thrô the camp; they may know them by the King's mark. For God's sake, Sir, put a stop to that disagreable and ill-grounded suspicion that some unthinking people have pretended (for I can think it no other) to conceive of Collonel Broadstreet, it may otherwise be of fatal consequence to the expedition, which I think in a fair way of being brought to a happy issue if every body

lends a willing hand to it. I shall write to all the Governours, as I told you yesterday, for succours, and I dare say my solicitations to some of them will prevail. Pray let me know what progress you make, and if at any time you want to see me, let me know it, and I will wait on you, & when you can spare any of your general officers or Coll[s] to come off, I shall be very glad to see them. Pray when will the schooner sail for Boston? A schooner that went with Captains Durell and Tyng is arriv'd, and says they met no ships, as was expected, but burnt about forty houses and as many shallops, and may be hourly expected here. The men of those burnt houses went the day before their arrival into Lewisbourg, in shallops, and wee were then in possession of the Grand Battery, so you see how necessary it is to guard that pass in the night by boats; two whale boats and a shallop wou'd be enough. If you want Bush's guns carried to the harbour, please to order three or four shallops to me and I will (if Bush hawls alongside of my ship) send them there. I am much concern'd at the uneasyness you undergo with undisciplin'd troops, but hope that will daily grow less as they grow better, so you may be assur'd of my sincere regard for you upon all occasions, and upon the best and most candid advice that I am able to give you whenever you shall please to ask it, for I cant help having the highest regard for a gentleman that sacrifices his private ease and happyness (which I know to be your case) for the publick good of his country. I, therefore, am with great esteem, S[r],

Y[r] most obedient humble serv[t].

P. WARREN.

P. S. I am now writing my letters to Governour Shirley, copys of which I shall keep to show you. My compliments to all your Council & the rest of your gentlemen.

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attempt. I shall send the horses & men for a guard for a further quantity of powder early in the morning. I am in the mean time, Honble Sir,

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S. WA[LDO.]

ROYALL BATTERY, 13th May, 1745.
4 o'clock, P. M.

The man is now expiring.

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detain her nor Captain Gayton here. I thank you for the opportunity you gave me of writing to Boston. Pray let me know how you wou'd have the Collony cruizers employ'd, for I will send them nowhere but with your approbation. Wou'd it be proper to send one or two round to the N. E. of this island to intercept any succours from the River St Lawrence, which I presume is now open, and shall I send Smythers when he arrives to Boston, agreeable to Mr Shirley's request to you? As Captain Dunnohoe is gone there, he may answer that end. I shall be glad to know how you advance in your opperations against the enemy. My men have no refreshments, and as there is a quantity of salt fish at or near the Grand Battery, I shou'd be oblig'd to you if you wou'd direct that a couple of shallop loads of it be sent on board of me, & I will fitt the shallops with swivell guns, and make them usefull for landing men to burn any others belonging to the enemy. I am of opinion that you shou'd send an express to the Duke of Newcastle to let him know the situation you are in, agreeable to Mr Shirley's instructions, by which I do not apprehend that any women prisoners shou'd be sent to Boston. I send you two of my gunners, and you have already two more at the Grand Battery. I send you some arms belonging to your troops that my rascals brought of, and have lost a great many of ours. I am with great regard, S^{r},

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HON^{BLE} SIR, — I am sorry to find by your favour of yesterday that two of your guns burst to the wounding four of your men. Old guns will not bear so large charging

follows a paragraph from a gentleman at Newfoundland, which is all the news he mentions, vizt, — "As yet wee have no news from England, but by the way of Lisbon. By that, Admiral Medley attempted with all the American fleet to sail out of the Channel, but were beat back to Torbay & Plymouth. He receiv'd some damage, and 5 or 6 of his convoy were cast away, amongst the rest a transport with troops for this country or Nova Scotia. This was in the midle of March last."

I can see none of the cruizers that were out before I left Chapeauxrouge Bay, so I believe they are blown off the coast with the hard N. E^{t} wind that wee have had. I have sent two schooners in to you to receive your commands to me, and I now inclose you an account of the arms, &ca., lost on shore by my people, & desire you will please to give directions to your officers to enquire about them. I was in hopes when I left you to have had daily accounts of your progress, in which I wish you success, and am, Sir,

Y^{r} most obed^{t} humb. serv^{t}.

P. WARREN.

P. S. The master of the schooner says there are six men of warr expected at Newfoundland, but my letter mentions nothing of it; if so, four or five of them will certainly be here. The prospect of which I hope will give spiritts to our friends ashore. I shall be much obligd to you for two or three quire of paper.

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To the Honble William Pepperrell, Esqr, Lieu^{t} Gen^{ll} & Comand^{r} in Chief of his Majesties Forces att Cape Breton.

HON^{BLE} SIR, — In my absence an unfortunate affair has happend of the splitting another gun which has danger-

ously wounded Capt Danl Hale, of my regiment, whose death or incapacity will greatly affect us, he being by Capt Rhodes's misfortune the chief dependence we had for playing our guns. This afternoon a prisoner wounded & taken by a party of our Cape Codd men was brought in here. He says that he entred a voluntier at Louisbourgh yesterday under Capt Beaubassin in order to cutt off our people on the light house side, that he left the city last night at nine o'clock with one hundred men; his name is Barbelle, & is of Canada. Our people in a party of about fifty or sixty men changed three rounds with the enemy, who they esteem to be about 80 or 90 in number, & think they have wounded or killed many others of them. On our side is only one Indian said to be dangerously wounded. I am hasteing a Doctor to him & hope may do him service, and that some others of the party may fall into our hands if our people are vigilant & carefull, for which service I would willingly have excused Col^{o} Gorham's regiment from the proposed duty of the night, & in case any sufficient number can be made up without them I will readily dismiss them, but I dispair of sufficient numbers to hall the cannon should they be excused, unless a further reinforcement should come from your camp. The two sledds are finished by Capt Richardson, & shall soon have the cannon fixed upon them. I hope the others will be as forward which shall be impatiently be expecting to see. This prisoner says that there are about 3000 men in the city, but on being pressed in this affair says he don't know the number, he never medled in publick affairs. The snow last arrived at Louisbourg is from the Bay of Biscay, laden with wine & bread. I am, Honble Sir, Y^{r} obed^{t} & obl^{d} serv^{t}.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 16th May, 1745.

The enemy went of fr^{o} Louisbourg in three or four shallops last night.

possession of the Grand Battery, and thô wee have ten cruizers out. The arrival of the snow is a proof of this. What I wou'd propose is that all his Majesty's ships and all those employ'd by the Collony, except two small ones to cruize, and all the schooners, sloops, and transports, except two or three for scouts, shou'd assemble and anchor as high up in Chapeaurouge Bay as they possibly cou'd time enough to make a proper disposition for a general attack upon the town at an appointed time, both by boats from the Grand Battery and on the land side of the town at the same time as was before propos'd.

The number of men that all the ships, &ca., cou'd land, I believe wou'd be near fifteen hundred and leave a few to guard them, and our scouts cou'd look out and give us timely notice of the approach of any enemy from sea, that wee might in that caše march our seamen back to defend their ships, which I think they might do better in that bay against a superior sea force than at sea.

I wou'd have all the schooners and boats to carry the men from the bottom of the bay, to land them as near the camp as convenient the morning that the attack shou'd be determin'd to be made, the night or morning following, and there shou'd be a regale of fresh victuals if possible at the camp for the whole army. I wou'd have every officer know his command and every Captain muster his company, and the whole shou'd be told that if they presum'd to shrink, or put back, or utter any words to induce others so to do, shou'd be punish'd with death, and they shou'd know that a rear guard was appointed to take up as cowārds all those that shou'd be found without the walls after the main body was got over and in the town, and that any retreating from the town without the main body shou'd be look'd upon in the same light, and shou'd for such crime suffer death, that those who are appointed on any other service besides the general attack shou'd be regularly appointed that there be no room left

to any for excuse or pretence that they were upon any other service when they shou'd be upon the attack. If please God they got possession of the town they shou'd assemble together in the most proper place for that purpose, and no man shou'd upon pain of death presume to plunder 'till the enemy are secur'd, and every Captain of a company shou'd find out who, if any, of his company are missing, and the centinels that wee shou'd place on the walls of the town when in possession shou'd have directions not to suffer any of our troops to come into the town without the General's order; that it may be known why they were not upon the attack, or upon what they were appointed; none but those who are actually upon the attack, or posted otherwise by particular orders, to have any share in the plunder or riches of the town.

I wou'd have the seamen and whale boat men, appointed to make the attack in the boats from the Grand Battery, the granadiers, marines, and the most regular of the land troops, to a proper number, the breach or easiest place in the wall; the method formerly agreed on, for the attack in three different places, I think a very good one.

I wou'd have the attack begun by a signal, so as to be in the town a quarter of an hour before day.

I wou'd have a sustaining party of two hundred men and good officers march in the rear of the main body within randum musquet shott of the wall to cover a retreat if necessary, and to prevent any men from leaving their posts.

And as there are not small arms enough to equip all the seamen pole axes, broad axes, bayonets fix'd on poles, lances, and hand granadoes wou'd do very well, and such an addition of men tis to be hop'd, with a proper number of ladders, if long enough, wou'd succeed, if you shou'd not even be able to make a breach in the wall, and as this scheme must fail or succeed in one night, tis propos'd that the men from the ships shou'd stay no longer on

shore, but go immediately on board their respective ships in order to cruize, or execute any other scheme that may be agreed on upon the failure of this.

Tis certain that the French took one of the packets going to the West Indies from Governour Shirley to me, by which means they know at Martineique of our present scheme against Lewisbourg, and tis probable they know it long ere now in France, and I am inform'd that ten sail of French men of warr are gone to the West Indies, which may possibly bend their course this way, and if they shou'd, or any superior force to us from France shou'd come, it wou'd put it out of our power to secure the retreat of the troops and transports, therefore the most vigorous measures shou'd be taken for the speedy reduction of Lewisbourg.

P. WARREN.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 16 May, 1745.

SIR, — I have laid the above plan before all the Captains of his Majesty's ships and of the Collony cruizers who are of opinion that it is not practicable with the sea force wee have now here to attempt the harbour and fortifications of Lewisbourg, but agree in opinion that the above mention'd plan will under the present circumstances be the most effectual that wee can propose, and the greatest assistance that can be given by the naval force, and wee do therefore recommend it to your consideration, and pray your answer to it as soon as possible, because wee apprehend delays may prove fatal to the scheme in hand, and I am further to acquaint you that I cant presume to keep the Eltham nor Bien Aime from the service to which they are appointed by the Admiralty. We are, S^r^, Y^r^ most humble servants.

RICH^D^ TIDDEMAN	P. WARREN.
JOHN ROUS	PHI DURELL.
DANIEL FONES	W. CALMADY.

Lt General PEPEREL.

PETER WARREN AND OTHERS TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 17th May, 1745.

SIR, — Captain Gayton and all our cruizers except the Road Island ship are now in sight, and I have with me all the Captains of his Majty's ships and Captain Tyng who are to a man of opinion with me that you shou'd send off some of your officers to conferr with us upon the speedyest and properest measures for attacking the town of Lewisbourg, or the Island Battery, whichever of them shall be thought most expedient. Wee are the more anxious about this as the fogs we are inform'd are now coming on, and indeed wee think wee have them very frequent now, and may seperate us in such a manner as to prevent our getting soon together, to consult on, consider, or execute any plan for the reduction of Lewisbourg, so that you will please to observe the necessity of taking some sudden and vigorous measures, as wee have so many incidents to guard against, vizt, such as fogs and bad weather, which will no doubt scatter our ships from each other, and possibly be the means of succours getting into Lewisbourg in spight of all our vigilence; the daily expectation the enemy have of succours under a strong convoy from France, and of Indians and troops from Canada, is another incident that is worthy of your consideration, as is the necessity I shall be under of sending away the Eltham and Bien Aime to prosecute their orders from the Admiralty.

I have shown the plan of operation that I sent you last night to Captain Douglass and Tyng, as I shall to all the other Captains as they joyn me; those that have are all pleas'd with it, and if it meets your approbation, wee ought to know it immediately; if you think the attack on the Island Battery, previous to that of the town, is most expedient, and any assistance is necessary to that end from the ships, they cannot give it by men and boats with

any certainty of time, unless they anchor in Chapeaurouge Bay, from whence the boats may depart, at a certain time, and joyn the whale boats at the Grand Battery, and then proceed together and attack the Island Battery, arm'd in the manner propos'd by our first scheme.

Tis probable if you undertake the town that before you can make the proper disposition the Princess Mary and Hector may arrive from Boston, by which means an addition of three hundred men may be made to the fifteen hundred mention'd in my plan of yesterday.

This waits on you by Mr Agnue, by whom you will please to send your answer as soon as possible, that if the plan sent you meets your approbation, the squadron being now altogether may embrace the opportunity of this clear weather to go into Chapeaurouge Bay, in order to make the proper disposition for putting it in execution. Wee are, Sr,

Yr most humble servants.

JAMES DOUGLAS. ED. WARREN.
RICHD TIDDEMAN. PHI DURELL.
EDWD TYNG. W. CALMADY.

L: General PEPERELL.

ARTHUR NOBLE * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesty's service. To the Honble Genll Pepperall, Commander in Chief of the Forseys on the Sedge against Lewis Burge.

GRAND BATTRY, May 17, 1745.

HONRD Sr, — I am grived I have the ocasion to tell you that this day one of our guns are burst with 14lb powder, & has wounded Capt Heale, very ill, & Nathenll Stors, his

* Arthur Noble was at this time Lieutenant-Colonel in Waldo's regiment. Very little has been found with regard to his personal history; but he is believed to have been born in the north of Ireland, and to have come to America, with two brothers, about 1720. He met with a tragic death at Minas in February, 1746-7; being then probably not above middle life. See Coll. Maine Hist. Soc. vol. viii. pp. 109-153. — EDS.

lieu., arm broack, belongn to Capt Roads. The ocasion of my firing was att a number ye enemy att work att the West Gatt. I am of oppinion that 13^{lb} of powder is sufficient load for any of our guns. We have hands busey bulding sleds for to hall the 2 large guns, & we will use all indeavors to have them to the spott this night. I am

Your Honour's most dutifull obediant hum^{ble} servant, att command.

ARTHUR NOBLE.

Gen^{ll} PEPPERALL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAMP May 17th, 1745.

S^{r}, — Yours of yesterday's and this day's date I rec'd, and observe the contents with gratefull pleasure, particularly I note your prudent and great thoughtfullness to bring to a happy issue the affair before us of so much consequence to our King and nation, and the Northern Colonies in particular. It is my great concern that our progress on shore against our enemies is so slow, but when the difficultys of attacking the Island Battery are duly considered, there being but critical minutes in wch it can possibly be done with hopes of success, allso the difficultys of scaling walls, without a breach, by undisciplin'd troops, the difficulty of landing our cannon in so bad a harbour, of getting them convey'd over such bad grounds in the face of our enemies' fire while we cannot annoy them at all, and a general illness thro' the army, I hope these and such like things considered your patience will not tire. The probability of a speedy arrival of a French sea force I duly consider (but hope the best), and nothing in my power shall be wanting towards the greatest dispatch and most vigorous attack. Your plan I have this day laid before my Council (as the main part of the forces are engag'd to get forward a number of the cannon at the Grand Battery against the

West Gate to be mounted by to-morrow morning if possible, the good effects of which I hope soon to advise you of) a due consideration thereof is referred till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock;* at present can only say, that the attack of the Island Battery or town will, as I think, certainly and speedily be effected, and I hope to good purpose. Your prudence and good conduct in the disposition of your ships I cannot question; my own judgm^{t} I cannot but distrust. Yet am doubtfull whether your ships going all or most of them into Chappeau Rouge Bay will be of good consequence. In dark & foggy weather your cruizers may at sea meet with the King's enemies to our advantage, but the weather that will be good to carry them into Louisbourg will keep your vessells in that harbour shou'd you have ever so early notice of their approach. Excuse my freedom. Shall myself or some of my Council wait on you to-morrow, and by that means I hope be able to settle the needfull points. Y^{rs}, &c.

W. P.

Honble Commodore WARREN, &c., &c., &c.

GENERAL ORDERS OF COMMODORE WARREN.

By Peter Warren, Esqr, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships & vessells employd and to be employd in North America to the northw^{d} of Carolina.

Whereas a squadron of the enemy's ships of warr may be dayly expected with a number of merchant ships bound into Lewisbourg, and as it will therefore be necessary for us to keep our main force together,

You are hereby required and directed to take particular care not to lose company with me, but if you shoud by any unavoidable accident, the place of rendezvous is off

* See the Records of the Councils of War, *ante*, pp. 19, 20. — EDS.

the harbour of Lewisbourg from one to five leagues. And as I am informed the French ships bound hither generally make the N. East part of the island of Cape Brittoon, you are when the wind shall be easterly to keep so farr to windw^{d} of the lighthouse as to be able to intercept any of the enemy's ships going in from the eastw^{d}, and with any other winds you are to use your endeavours to keep as near the entrance of the harbour as the weather will permit, in the best situation for intercepting any succours to the town and garrison of Lewisbourg, the doing wch will be of the greatest consequence to the success of the present expedition.

And whereas I with concern see the slow approaches made by our troops on shore upon the enemy, which I apprehend may be owing to the difficulty of landing in a great surff, and afterwards transporting their cannon & stores thro' ways almost impassible to the proper places for annoying the town, as well as the inclemency of the climate, I am therefore resolved, in order to bring this expedition to a speedy and happy issue, as soon as the Princess Mary and Hector shall joyn me, to call a consultation of all the Captains of his Majesty's ships, and those of the Collony cruizers, at wch the general officers of the land forces will be desired to assist, to consider whether 'tis practicable and adviseable with the naval force under my command to go into the harbour of Lewisbourg and attack the Island Battery and the other batterys and fortresses of the town, and if this is resolved upon whether the troops on shore shoud not at the time that I go in (with all the ships of warr, Collony cruizers, schooners, sloops, and transports of every kind to make up the greater number of men) make a vigorous attack upon the land side. The schooners and transports to go into the N. East Harbour, with all our boats except one yawl to each ship, and upon a signal to be made by me all the people on board the schooners and other transports

to come armd in our boats and their own on board of me and the other ships of warr on the offside from the enemy, in order to land or assist in any other service that shall be thought necessary.

And as I am also resolved, if it shall previous to our going into the harbour be thought by the General and his Council proper to attack the Island Battery, to lend what assistance I can from his Majesty's ships & Collony cruizers.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to keep your boats in a constant readiness, and a proper number of men arm'd and otherwise provided for that service under the command of a lieutenant, and upon my making at any time the signal for boats man'd and arm'd, you are to send them immediately on board of me, assuring the officer and men that all the plunder they shall find in the Island Battery shall be regularly divided amongst those only who go upon the attack, and that they shall be severally rewarded by preferment or otherwise agreeable to their merit upon this important occasion.

You are to keep a quantity of powder fill'd, both for your cannon and small arms, and hold yourself in a constant readyness to go with me into the harbour of Lewisbourg in order of battle wch you shall receive, if our going in to attack the enemy shoud be thought adviseable at a general consultation of land and sea officers to be held for that purpose

And for so doing this shall be your warrant. Given under my hand on board his Maj^{s} ship Superbe off Lewisbourg harbour, the 18th of May, 1745.

P. WARREN.

To the respective Captains of his Maj^{s} ships under my command and of the Collony cruizers.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesty's Service. To the Honour^e^ William Pepperrell, Esqr, Lieut^t^ Genl & Commander in Chief of the Land Forces in the present Expedition. At ye Camp on Cape Breton Island. This ℔ Capt Hammond.

CANSO, May 19, 1745.

SIR, — Since the departure of Capt Rous the 15th ins^t^ in the morning, & under his convoy, seven transports laden with provisions, &c., for the army, vizt, Capt Bradford, Capt Bramham, Capt Clark, Capt Stinson, Capt Rackwood, Capt Jones, for the Massachusetts, & Capt Ward for New Hampshire, by the last of whom I sent the packetts I had received for y^r^ Hon^r^ & Commodore Warren, I have nothing to acquaint y^r^ Hon^r^ with, but that the same morning Capt Adams in the brig^n^ Victory, Capt Richardson in the other prize brig^n^, Capt Davis in the schooner St Peters, & Capt Arno in a prize sloop taken by Capt Donnehoe, all sailed for Boston, with all the remaining prisoners, except those from the Isle of Madam. On the 16th in the forenoon, Capt Beckett sailed for the Gutt of Canso, having on board Francis Sambrieux, who informed of some timber & other materials necessary for carrying on these works, & was desirous, as he said, of making another trial of finding his son & other relatives at the Isle of Madam. In the evening came in Mr Hammond & Mr Allen in two schooners & said they came from Chappeaurouge Bay ye 15th, & were by y^r^ Hon^r^ sent a fishing, with orders to touch into this harbour. There being then a large ship discovered in the offing I desired one of them to put out that night, in order to discry her. But there being little wind he was able to make no discovery, but what we made ashore, to wit, that she was a large ship standing to the eastward, with a small schooner in tow. On the 17th Capt Wadlin in the schooner Seaflower, having on board Francis Langley, that came in a

flagg of truce from the Isle of Madam, & thirteen women & children, including those Col° Moulton bro't from the same place, also Capt Byles in ye schooner Charming Molly, having on board three ineffective soldiers left by y^r^ Hon^r^ under my care, vizt, Wm Kinchin, Alex^r^ Trother, & William Ellery; one deaf, another gouty, & the other with a large ulcer in his side, whom I thot it more adviseable to send to Boston, than to keep in this place, with the poor accommodations I had for them. Mr Hammond & Mr Allen came into this harbour again in the evening, whom I advised to give y^r^ Hon^r^ & the Commodore the earliest notice they could of ye forementioned ship. They accordingly sailed the next morning, but the weather being bad return^d^ again into this harbour. I would acquaint y^r^ Hon^r^ that I have not more than ninety flints for ninety men, except those in their firelocks, nor more than three hund^d^ weight of balls, & those chiefly too small for their pieces, being put on shore while I was busy in the works, nor any swan shott at all. Therefore pray y^r^ Hon^r^ would please to order me a farther supply of flints, musquet balls & swan shott, there being a necessity for bullets for making partridge for the cannon, as well as for loading the small arms in case of an attack. Our pick axes are so much worn that I can't keep more than half the people at work that might be employed had I sufficient tools. I hope these will find y^r^ Hon^r^ in possession of the city of Louisbourg, or returning to Canso. I am, y^r^ Hon^r's^

Most dutiful humb. serv^t^.

AMMI R. CUTTER.

To Genl PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAMP, May 19th, 1745.

S^r^, — Yours of yesterday's date I have rec^d^ this morning. As soon as it is possible some of my Council will

wait on you to confer on the particulars therein mentioned, and any other measures exped^{t} for the speedy accomplishment of our designs. The night before last we threw up a battery within 250 y^{ds} of the West Gate; but difficulty of transporting the heavy cannon occasion d our getting no more than one gun (an 18 pounder) mounted, with which yesterday we broke down the Bridge Gate, wth the posts & part of the wall. Our men exchang'd many small shott wth the enemy from their musketts, and killed several of them on their walls. Last night we got mounted these two 42 pounders and another 18 pounder wth wch shall ply them closely to-day, & wth the mortars & cannon at the other battery. The success at the West Gate has animated our men, and I hope they will chearfully execute any plan of operation that may be agreed upon. I am much pleas'd with the orders to y^{r} squadron wch you have been so good as to communicate to me; and in particular in regard to the ships keeping much to the eastward, wch think of great consequence. You may be assured nothing in my power shall be wanting for the effectual and speedy accomplishm^{t} of the great design we are engag'd in, wch hope shall soon see a happy issue of. When Capt Gayton arrives, pray the favour of you y^{t} I may know it, and that he may lay off the mouth of the bay 'till I can send out a vessell to receive the powder for the army wch he has on board.

Y^{rs}, &c. W. P.

The Honble Commodore WARREN, &c.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Maj. Service. For Lieut^{t} General Pepperell, &c.

SUPERB, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 19th May, 1745

SIR, — Yesterday Captain Fones had the good fortune to take a French brigg from St John de Luz, laden with

wine, brandy, and provisions for Lewisbourg, which he carrys in with him to Chapeauxrouge Bay. Wee hear by her that four sail of men of warr, one of seventy-two guns, the other three of fifty-six, and three Company ships of thirty guns each, may be daily expected here, which makes me impatient for the Princess Mary and Hector to put us upon a parr with them, & that the Dauphin of France is married to the Infanta of Spain, & that the Prince of Conti carrys everything before him against the King of Sardinia. Captain Fones will give you an account of what is in the prize, and will spare you & the rest of the gentlemen anything you want out of her. As it will be very necessary now wee expect such a force from France to keep our ships out and together it will be of the utmost service to order the schooners & sloops to fill our water, and bring it out to us, most of the Collony cruizers being quite out of water & wood. You'l please to send directions to Captain Saunders in the Bay for that purpose. Three of the French brigg's men got ashore at the eastermost part of this island, but hope they wont be able to get into Lewisbourg. I cant conceive where Gayton and Smythers are. The schooners may bring water off in any cask, & the cruizers shall start it into their own. I long to hear how you go on ashore, & am, with great regard, S^{r},

Y^{r} most obed. hum. serv^{t}.

P. Warren.

P. S. Don Roderigo de Torres is arriv'd with three men of warr from the Havanna, with 10,000,000 pieces of eight on board.

Lt General Pepperell.

Two or three of the worst of the schooners to be made into fire vessells wou'd be of the greatest consequence if a superior force to us shou'd arrive. If you'l please to

order two or three, with a whale boat to each, I'll get them prepar'd for that purpose.*

Y^rs. P. W.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAMP, May 20th, 1745.

S^r, — Yours of yesterday I rec^d this morning, and immediately ordered Sanders to send off four of the transports with wood & water, two of which, or all of them, to be improv'd for fire ships, if you think proper. Observe the information you have of a French fleet. Have just rec^d a letter from Capt Rous (coming this way), giving aco^t of your having met wth a large French ship, whose fate I impatiently wait to hear of. As it is probable she is one of that fleet, immagine that if she has escap'd you she will endeavour to join the others, wch hope will fall into your hands. I shall order some vessells to be fitted for fire ships in the harbour forthwith, and all the preparation possible to be made at the Royall Battery. We have since my last continued our fire on the enemy from the West Gate battery which has shattered the wall considerably, but we were so unfortunate last night as to split one of the 42 pounders. I am desirous of a general consultation as soon as possible, in order to determine a speedy and vigorous attack wth our united force. Our men sicken apace. Great numbers are now unfit for service.

Y^rs, &c. W. P.

The Honble Comm^o WARREN.

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* This paragraph is written on a separate slip of paper, and is attached by a wafer to the foregoing letter. — EDS.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesties Service. To the Honble Lieu^t^ Generall Pepperrell, Comand^r^ in Chief of the Forces att the Siege of Louisbourg.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — I wrote you largely this morning, & now have yor favour of this date. I shall do all in my power to annoy any French ship or a fleet should they attempt to enter the harbour, which they doubtless will attempt if they are an overmatch for Capt Warren, who I hope will be soon able to give you a good account of his present engagements, as well as that of yesterday. All the guns we have or can mount are pointed to do execution on any ships entring the harbour, but we are so very poorly provided with gunners & between the fires of the Island Battery & town that without these usefull people, & a further quantity of cannon or other powder, shall make a very poor figure. We have only one gunner besides Capt Rhodes, & we ought to have at least two to each gun, & if you can furnish a (further) number I doubt not you'll order accordingly. The guns are all loaden & the new Union flagg flying att the top of the light house. The carpenters, being only two in number, went this morning to the camp on their vessells for some cloaths & tools, & promised to be here again without fail this evening. Pray order them to be forwarded; if it be possible to find stuff I shall sett them & such others as I have to the making them, but its impossible they should be done in season, so as to be mounted & coverd with a proper brest work before the fleet supposed to be near us, & now engaged with Comodore Warren's squadron, can reach this port, if they can be so happy as to escape him. The engineers should, if you think proper, be orderd to marke out the lines, &c^a^, of the proposed new battery at the light house that Col^o^ Gorham's people may know where & how they are to worke.

Col^o^ Richmond sent to me just now for two barrells of

cannon powder which his messenger said they would make up into cartridges themselves, for that those sent from hence had not powder enough in them. The quantity I have lately orderd in each is 13 lb., which I find is sufficient to do execution from hence on the town, which is about four times as far as from the new battery thither. I hear they charged the 42 pounder that last burst with 18 lb. powder, & I believe it. I refused sending them barrells, being certain they would be in danger of a badd use being made of them. And for cartridges, as I have very little proper powder left, I shall also excuse sending (as I am to expect an attack on all sides) untill your possitive orders for the same. I shall gett as many cartridges as I can filld with 14 lb. each of cannon powder to be in readyness for ships entring here, which may be afterwards reduced a pound each if the emergency of firing at distant ships ceases, which expect soon to know.

Maj^{r} Tidcomb lyes still this day as he did last night, & as my garrison is weak by reason of the draft of 195 men therefrom this morning, & by sickness, wounded men, &c^{a}, will it not be for the service to call in Tidcomb with a quantity of Col^{o} Hale's regiment, or shall I remove Col^{o} Gorham, who in case of a sudden & speedy attack can be of little consequence at the light house? I am, Honble Sir,

Y^{r} most obed^{t} & obliged humb. ser^{t}.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 20 May, 1745, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Gen^{ll} PEPPERRELL.

I want as well cartridge paper as gunpowder, having but two quire & half of ye former, and of the latter 20 barr^{ls} & 20 cartridges of 13^{lb} each, besides what is in the guns. The bar^{s} are most of them fine powder. Pray lett me have all the cannon powder you can spare, & order the portions of powder y^{t} are to be fired att the other batterys to be all putt up in cartridges, ye loading by ladles is most dangerous to the splitting the gunns.

Y^{rs}. S. W.

JOHN ROUS * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To William Pepperill, Esqr, Comm^dr of his Maj^ties Forces at Cape Breton.

May the 20th, 1745.

HONO^BLE S^R, — I supose you have been inform^d by the prize that come in that thare is a fleet of mar^ct men and men of war expected dayley from France, and I have reason to believe I mett with one of them yesterday. She was a seventy gun ship, the Mermaid, and wee ingaged her from three o'clock till seven, and then the Como^dr come up with us and ingaged her very smartly for two hours, but it come on so foggy that I am afraid she got clear. It being night wee lost them. So I am returned to cruize of the harbour in hopes to prevent any of the enemyes geting in. From, S^r,

Y^r most hum^ble s^t.

JOHN ROUS.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^BLE SIR, — Three of your favours of yesterday I received last night. I am very sorry any persons should amuse your Hon^r with false pretences, as Col^o Gorham, it seems, does. His son & all ye Captains of that regiment came to me last night (in order to reduce the French party on my send^g for them); they all say & in particular Lt Col^o Gorham, to whom I read your letter that the old gentleman had not any authority to give the information mention'd, that the woods were so badd & land so swampy that they had no thoughts of being any otherways active than the defensive. They saw the party by their fires yesterday morning, & also in the

* Capt. John Rous was commander of the Shirley in the expedition against Louisbourg, and also served in other naval operations in the provincial period. He is believed to have been born in Massachusetts, and died in England, April 3, 1760. See Appleton's Cyclopædia of Amer. Biog., vol. v. pp. 335, 336. — EDS.

evening, and as y^r^ Hon^r^ is of opinion it may greatly tend to the public service, I did the last night settle a rout for 200 men from hence, inclusive of 60 of Col^o^ Gorham's, who if they follow orders may, its probable, recover some or all of them, or render it impracticable for the enemy to return without falling into our hands. I have the better to effect this orderd 150 men more of Col^o^ Gorham's to guard a pass leading down on the light house neck, by which if they return that way they'll undoubtedly fall into our hands. The morning has hitherto been wett & foggy, which has detaind the party till now they are about to march. The particular detach^ts^ that compose the corps of 200 men I note at foot. The hundred men were orderd by y^r^ Hon^r^ from Col^o^ Gorham's regiment to the new works two nights ago, so should any mischief attended their being drawn of I could not be answerable. They & most other of the regiments will form excuses to avoid duty, but as I am here pritty constant, I can judge of the weight of their pretentions. If Gorham's whole regiment are to be employed, or rather reserved, to watch the light house flagg, I hope they'll not complain of fatigues hereafter. They certainly incline to observe your recomendation for them all to keep together, & the officers to keep them so. I have deliverd them the new flagg orderd, which they had in their power to have hoisted sooner, as it was in their hands when they hoisted the old one, & I left it to their option.

Your Hon^r^ is misinformed about the armourers being all here, also the two pair of bellows; of the former I have only three with Gorham, & one of them not well, and of the latter only one pair, the other pair was sent to the new works a Satturday night, & I hear the travelling forge is there at work. Gorman is lame with one knee, & desires to be excused for a day or two from going over; so I send in his stead one Beamis & Ball, who are

esteemd steady & capable; as for smiths they have doubtless a number in Col° Richmond's regiment, if not I can send some from hence.

I observe your recomending Col° Hale's regiment at the desire of the field officers from duty. I mett Maj^r^ Tidcomb on the spott proposed for the new battery proposed to be built, which will be attended with more labour than he expected when he first proposed; wherefore he is scheeming for another place, where he will, he says, have one erected in one night. This is on a hill & cant be carryed on under cover as the other may be. However, I have referrd him to Mr Campling to determine the best place, & hope your expectations may be answerd.

I am sorry for the loss of one of the finest 42 pounders. I find all the guns are in danger of going the same way by double shotting them, as was the case of this and the two last 18 pounders, which they fired last night, and as they give a great character of those two pieces the next attempt, I fear, will be trying of three shott in each, which they will increase untill they find their mistake, unless under better regulation than at present. I have assured Maj^r^ Tidcomb of any assistance he desires from hence, but if his (party or) regiment do their duty he may excuse any aid unless in halling the guns. They have not yet begun the work which you expected would have last night been compleated by them.

The cartridges sent from hence were orderd partly to Col° Richmond's house & partly to Col° Pitts, in one or the other of which hope they may be found if not already expended. The abominable carelessness of these people occasiond the loss of the two barr^ls^ of powder occasiond by their own fire, wch they own & we were sensible of at the juncture of the accident. From hence I have sent them two large hides to cover their powder, which with tollerable care will be effectuall. I have also this

morning sent them 12 large & 20 small cartridges; more will be ready against their sending; these went under the care of one Caswell, an officer. I have two 42 pounders fixed in their sledds. I've not a man can now be spared to hall either of them; would it not be necessary to have one transported to supply that defficiency in the new battery, and would it not also be necessary to send some artificers to make a new bedd for the great mortar? Materialls for it may be here found, & as the present practice is to fire that mortar without a platform I fear you'll soon have it useless or another repair which will take as much time as making a new one. I begg your thought hereof, & at your leisure lett me be favourd with an answer to my last. The guns of this fortress have been silent all day, & I shall incline to keep them so untill I know your pleasure. If the persons who proposd to make the new bedd can't do it, I will by your orders employ one that shall. I think no time should be lost by those undertakers. As to powder, Capt Kinslow, by whom this goes, will I hope find some in the fleet. There must have certainly been great imbezellm^{t} of this comodity. I remember to have heard of 200 gun cartridges found aboard one coaster partly filld. Please to order an enquiry what is become of them. I am impatiently waiting the event of yesterday's sea engagements, which pray lett y^{r} Secretary notifie me of.

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Y^{r} most obl^{d} hum^{l} serv^{t}.

S. Waldo.

Royall Battery, 20th May, 1745, 11 o'clock, A. M.

esteemd steady & capable; as for smiths they have doubtless a number in Col° Richmond's regiment, if not I can send some from hence.

I observe your recomending Col° Hale's regiment at the desire of the field officers from duty. I mett Maj^r^ Tidcomb on the spott proposed for the new battery proposed to be built, which will be attended with more labour than he expected when he first proposed; wherefore he is scheeming for another place, where he will, he says, have one erected in one night. This is on a hill & cant be carryed on under cover as the other may be. However, I have referrd him to Mr Campling to determine the best place, & hope your expectations may be answerd.

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S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 20th May, 1745, 11 o'clock, A. M.

I am told that the masters & crews of the transports in Gabberouge Bay will make a strong party & pursue ye enemy in that quarter if you'll please to desire it.

Detached for ye foraging scout from ye Royall Battery.

Dumaresq	20	Noble	33
Watts	12	Fogg	20
Richardson	20	Roads	10
Prescott	25	Kinslow	25
Hale	6	Stevens	12
Moody	12		
	95		100
			95
			195
	Col^o^ Gorham promised		60
			255

Gorham promised to guard ye pass with further numb^r^ of 150.

Lieu^t^ Gen^ll^ PEPPERRELL.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — Your favour of yesterday I received the past evening, & wish I had known your pleasure in answer to mine of the 19th sooner, that I might have kept back the detachment which I exerted myself in forwarding; and that agreeable to your orders, which I have always taken no small pleasure in executing, & I shall be greatly concerned should not good consequences ensue. In this proceeding I had a just regard to the retaining all the guners & most handy men at the great guns should any part of the enemy escape Comodore Warren's squadron, which, as he can best deal with them for the reasons I have already offerd, hope will not be the case.

Before your letter came to hand I attended the purposed service of the new battery, & agreeing wth Major Tidcomb that with great dispatch one might be easily erected, & a better cover to it than that first proposed, notwithstanding the situation as to the highth of the ground was not so eligible, we rather than loose further time agreed the spott, & a good number of men have been since employed, & I hope two 42 pounders will be mounted before sunrise to the no small mortification of the enemy & advantage of the army, which I hope will remove any uneasyness in you.

Your great desire to have if possible something done to intercept the Frenchmen landed on the light house side obliged me to weaken my own regim^t^ in the manner you are informed, and for the rest they have been at hard labour in halling guns & carriges & carrying shott & powder to the new battery, & will continue so untill daylight. The others that went out the morning last past hope to have return before noon, & not complain of fatigue too comon with some other regiments, & be ready for any service you may think proper to destine them in.

I am glad to hear the 22 pounders are to be removed, & that I have a good prospect of finding a capable man to make a new bedd for the mortar, of which I shall be at more certainty before noon. I understood Capt Pearson or some other imediately under your influence would have had ambition on this head, & had offerd their service, & had I not imagined my proposall on this head of consequence to the present important design I had not incerted myself therein, & if I have shewn too much zeal you'll pardon me.

I shall comport myself as to the fires necessary to be made on the enemy, & the present want of gunpowder, if possible to answer your expectation.

I congratulate you on the prize briggantine, & the

view I imagine I had of a large French ship the evening past following Comodore Warren to Gabbarouge Bay will I hope afford you much greater pleasure.

The four guns I mentiond were the four that point on the town; all the others towards the harbour were at the same time loaded as they had been severall days before, & a good look out constantly kept, that nothing, I hope, will pass us unnoticed.

This new battery will much insense the town & waist their amunition which you'll soon be sensible of. I have furnished it with 8 rounds of powder & ball, spunges, ramers, ladles, handspikes, &c^{a}, Major Tidcomb who I just now left in the works has been very diligent therein, & thô they are not so regular & well placed as if directed by an engineer will, I doubt not, answer one, if not more, good purposes. The spott they are at present to be employed in is an emminence a little westward of M. Martizant's.

I shall soon be able to lett yor Hon^{r} know what the Frenchman says on the sev^{l} heads you mention; he thanks God he is here, & says the people of Louisbourg expected nothing else when he left it but to be taken; that no regular troops are expected from France. I am, Honble Sir,

Y^{r} most obed^{t} serv^{t}.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 21° May, 1745, 3 o'clock in the morn^{g}

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesties Service. To the Honble Lieu^{t} Generall Pepperrell, Comander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in the Expedition against Louisbourg.

HON^{BLE} SIR, — Since I wrote this morning I have endeavoured to have the sattisfaction for y^{r} Hon^{r} from the French prisoner as you desired. He denys his haveing

said that the Indians took the sacrament that they would give no Englishman quarter, & says the Govr would not countenance any such thing, but that they have priests of their own. As there is by their proceedings too much reason for this suggestion, and as they all act under com^{s} from the Govr of Louisbourg, he is accountable for their inhumanity & breach of faith.

The explosion on the day you landed, he says, was in the middle of the city, & says also that there was various talks about it in the city, & finally that it was perhapps the maggazine, which I believe you may depend it was, & that the number of the dead since our landing & of sick & wounded in the hospitall being 500 according to his acc^{t} must be in no small measure occasiond by this accident.

I have the pleasure to inform you from the said prisoner's account wch I hope & believe is true that the soldiery in the city are greatly dissatisfied & would give it up, often refuse their duty, that the inhabitants compell them thereto, that frequent duelling happens on this account, one of which last Sunday one of our people saw from one of the towers of this garrison. I apprehend the silence of the town this day is occasiond hereby, & that vigorous resolutions will be speedily taken for reduceing the enemy before any succours can arrive to them.

I car^{d} over Capt Rhodes, with Col^{o} Noble & Gorham to view the guns yesterday evening at the light house side, & they report as follows, vizt.

4 of 18 pounders fitt for service
2 of 9 ..... irregular
1 between 9 and 12. ditto
3 of 6 .....

The four first, for which we have, I apprehend, sizeable shott, may be of service if carriages, which will take some time, could be made. I have only one carpenter here at present, who is mending the plattform; would it not be best to send out for Bushes guns rather than make

carriages for these? but as the latter is your order I'll endeavour when the carpenters can be had, & other affairs of more absolute necessity does not prevent, to keep them employed in this service.

I have the two shallops ready to go out with ye fish to Comodore Warren, but no proper persons to intrust the conduct thereof with. Please to favour me with your orders on this head.

I have since my last supplyed Maj^r^ Tidcomb with 11 rounds more of powder & shott. You know well my poverty in this respect to the former, and for the latter there remains now not quite 40 rounds in this garrison, so you'll please to order those brought from Boston to be landed, if not already done. I am now going to the bomb battery to view the large bedd, & have only to add that I am, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ most obed^t^ serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 21° May (12 o'clock), 1745.

Gen^ll^ PEPPERRELL.

P. S. I have since the forgoing some soldiers from Maj^r^ Tidcomb for shott. Pray lett me know how far I may go in supplys to his new battery. I shall not only send but call on him soon, & give caution not to fire two shott at a time. I shall now make up the number, with what deliverd before, 50 rounds of shott & the like quantity of powder if required, & shall lett the Major know I can go no further without orders from the Gen^ll^, wherefore pray signifie your pleasure on this head. Honble Sir,

Y^r^ obed^t^ serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

All my large scout are returned, & have not mett with any of the hundred men from Louisbourg. They trackt about that number steering their course towards the back of your camp or Gabbarouge. As they have burnt all

the vessells they could meet with in their march & all along the shoar, as they say, it will be difficult for the enemy to escape. I hope they will be diligently followed. The scout have taken thirteen prisoners, of whom I send y^r^ Hon^r^ seven, the rest are behind; of the seven the villain of a doctor who caused our men to be murdered is one, & one an Irishman who willingly fell into our hands, he will speak for himself.

Genl Pepperrell.

P. S. The Irishman, who has enlisted in Capt Noble's company to help ye vacancy, acquaints me of about one hundred men at Iguish that may be easily taken, haveing neither arms, amunition or provision. It may therefore, I apprehend, be adviseable to send, when other more generall affairs will admitt of it, to send one of our cruizing small vessells there, & this honest (I hope) Irishman will conduct them to the spott. I wish y^r^ Honour joy in Comodore Warren's success, & am Y^r^ Hon^r's^

Most obed^t^ serv^t^.

S. Waldo.

Royall Battery, May 21^e^, 1745, one o'clock, P. M.

Gen^ll^ Pepperrell.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

Camp, May 21st, 1745.

S^r^, — I have just receiv'd from you the agreeable news of your having taken the Vigilant, a French man of war of 64 guns, on wch heartily congratulate you, & wch I esteem a happy omen of our success against Louisbourg. As we have already manned Rous out of the transports, & there not being left more than four men in each vessell, they can be of no great security to prisoners, unless they are put in irons. How to secure all the prisoners I cannot say, with^t^ you will be pleas'd to order the Rhode Island ship or snow or Capt Snelling; some of them you may

order on board Smithers wch he may carry wth him to Boston, as Govr Shirley desires he may be sent to guard the coast of New Eng^d^. If they are put in irons he may take a considerable number on board, as may the Rhode Island ship, snow, or Snelling. I will endeavour to do all in my power to assist in manning the ship. I this day rec^d^ a letter from Capt Cutter, the commandant at Canso, who informs me that on the 15th current two schooners wch I sent out some time ago to fish discovered a large ship off Canso standing eastward with a small schooner in tow. You will be best able to judge whether it was the ship wch you have taken or another. My positive orders to the fishing schooners wch I sent out were, immediately to give you notice of any ships they might discover, wch am surpriz'd they did not observe.

Y^rs^, &c. W. P.

To the Commodore, &c.

THOMAS SANDERS * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

CHAPPARU BAY, May 21, 1745.

HONERED SUR, — I have sent two sconers of to Capt Warrin, laden with wood and water, and last night put thirty hhd^s^ of water on board Capt Tyng, which is all the cask we have, exept what is on board the sloops that yu orderd for fier ships; which have the value of fifte hhd^s^ of water and sum wood on board each, and have sent them down to you for the whalle boats, for thar is non hear. Sur, all the wood at this place is got of. Sur, I waterd Capt Tomson and Capt Sneling and the Rod Island sloop out of the transports the day tha arived,

* Thomas Sanders, of Gloucester, Mass. He was born in 1704, and died October 24, 1774. He was for many years in the service of the Province as commander of a government vessel, and took a conspicuous part in the Louisbourg expedition. See Babson's Hist. of Gloucester, pp. 241, 242; Ancestry and Descendants of Sir Richard Saltonstall, p. 185. EDS.

for the sea was so large that we culd not get any from the shor. I have sent Capt Daget down with all the remains of the powder and ball that I can find in the flet. Remain

Yur Honer's humle & obident serv^{t}.

THO^{s} SANDERS.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^{BLE} SIR, — I have your favour in answer to mine of three this morning, & am very glad that y^{r} Hon^{r} has any pleasure in the late occurrences. I would most gladly add every thing in my power to contribute therto, & had it not been for the alarm from your camp & the appearance of an engagement from the neighbouring hills, I had carryd an artificer to have undertaken the bomb bedd this afternoon. I have orderd a sally to intercept the enemy in their retreat, headed by my Lieu^{t} Col^{o}, which will keep me here till his return. He had with him about 165 brave fellows, who if it be possible will give you a good account of the enemy by to-morrow morning, & occasion your own camp to be more quiett hereafter.

In case of the entrance of any French men of war into the harbour I will endeavour to fitt the fire ships you order, but with submission I must begg leave to inform you that we have neither navigators, vessells, materialls, or workmen equall to such an enterprise, & that men of warr will not be so terrifyed at the approach of a deserted vessell on fire as the rockey light house clifts were. However, it shall be done at the time you order, if men to undertake the conduct of them afterw^{ds} will run the risque of their necks.

I shall always keep some of our best men to be in readyness to man the guns, & when Mr Brooks comes

shall be able to do it with more regularity & give you an account of the same as soon as possible.

My people, some of whom with their prissoners are now doubtless with you, are notwithstanding their march ready & fitt for service, & we shall be ready to afford Col° Gorham any assistance in our power on the occasion you recomend, or any other service for the publick good, in which hope shall not have a necessity of troubling you for further aids.

The ten barr^ls^ pistoll powder are received & shall observe the difference between the strength of it & cannon. I want cartridge paper & send a person on purpose for some quantity, which begg you'll favour me with, for that the want thereof may be fatall in charging our cannon, to want of which only I really think one or more of our guns' splitting is owing, besides there is great waiste, which our circumstances will not admit of, by the charging with ladles.

Yo^r^ orders about the Island Battery boats, &c^a^, I will endeavour to have executed, & as Gorham's men have most leisure & best acquainted with whale boats, I will first propose it to them, they excuseing themselves, will detach others less acquainted, but would y^r^ Hon^r^ be pleased to manifest to Col° Gorham or me your sentiments as to the one or other regiment's doing this duty, which by the distance of mine att this time, & the surprise its probable such an order may be to his, it will be of importance to the success of the design.

I thank you for your congratulation on ye success of Comodore Warren. My ideas thereof yesterday were not dreams but occular demonstration. My repose for 5 or 6 nights past was so short as not to allow me that indulgence or of anything in my slumbers so pleasant. I hope & doubt not everything will end well and to the intire joy & sattisfaction of your Hon^r^ and all the friends of America's Brittish intrest. I wish you soon to see a

happy issue of the expedition, & am with respect & esteem, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ most obed^t^ & obl^d^ serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 21° May, 1745, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Genl PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, May 22, 1745.

SIR, — On Friday last I had the pleasure to receive your packet by Bennett, which has given me and the Council and your country the highest satisfaction in your conduct, w^ch^, we hope, will soon compass the reduction of Louisburg itself. I doubt not but by this time his Maj^y's^ ships, the Princess Mary, of 60 gunns, and Hector, of 40 gunns, have join'd the Commodore, wch will greatly add to our naval force, and when the Island Battery is taken make it strong enough, I hope, to enter the harbour and destroy the batteries within it, especially if your eight gun battery should make a breach in the West Gate and adjacent works. I should think it would infallibly be over with the enemy upon the entrance of the first ship into the harbour, without the necessity of making a storm. But as I hear your battery is near $^3/_4$ of mile distant from the city, wch is out of battering distance, I doubt it will not make a sufficient impression upon the enemy's works unless they are very weak indeed. I understand you have 42^lb^ shott in abundance, left by the enemy, and should you want 22^lb^ shott for your battery I sent 346 from the Castle in Gayton to supply the Commodore with, instead of 24^lb^ shott, for his lower tier, w^ch^, I hope, he will be able to spare upon your application to him, if you want 'em, as I have desir'd him. In the mean time I have sent you another 13 inch mortar, and a spare bed for your other large mortar, and

50 more barrells of powder. I scarce thought it possible for you to have transported your heavy artillery and rais'd your batteries so soon as you have. It must have been exceeding hard labour, and you must have been very industrious to compass it. I doubt not but your fire from the Royal Battery must have done great execution, otherwise you would have reserv'd some of that powder for other uses. We have 700 half barrells come in Adams, wch I shall secure, as also all other quantities of it that come in, to be ready for the service of the expedition. Scott is at last at work upon your large shells, wch I will send to you as soon as I can possibly. I have begun to make application for a reinforcement of men, and shall press for 'em in the strongest and most expeditious manner. You don't mention your sending any vessell express to England to apprize the Ministry of your being in possession of the Grande Battery. Whether you have done that or not, it will certainly be necessary if you take Louisburg instantly to dispatch by two of your cruizers expresses to the Duke of Newcastle and Lords of Admiralty with advice of it. I hear y^{t} Monsieur Duvivier is making strong sollicitations in France, and has obtain'd the promise of 2000 troops and four ships to attack Annapolis Royal. But I have the strongest reason to think by my advices from England y^{t} Brest is block'd up with a strong squadron of British ships, wch will keep the enemy both from distressing Annapolis Royal and relieving Louisburg. It is certain y^{t} 6 or 700 French and Indians from Canada are now at Menis near the garrison, and we have advice of 2 mortars and small arms for a number of men having been landed at Schiegnecto, and y^{t} the enemy have 12 officers, a surgeon, and an engineer, upon wch I have propos'd to Commodore Warren the sending of two of our cruizers to make the garrison a visit in order to deterr the inhabitants of Nova Scotia from revolting and joining wth the enemy, wch I think is the least we can do

in point of prudence, and unless you are in great want of an engineer it is a pity to desire any from them. Indeed, should you take Louisburg it is absolutely necessary y^t^ you should have one from 'em. Be pleas'd to let Col. Bradstreet know y^t^ his brother has got a company, wch he is now recruiting for, and will soon raise for Newfoundland. I am very glad y^t^ you was so good as to make favourable mention of him in your letter to confront the villainous surmizes concerning him wch are infinitely cruel.* I wish you would be as strong and particular in your next to me in favour of him as you can with justice. Brigadiers Waldo & Dwight, to whom pray give my particular service and thanks for their letters, have both of 'em been very full in his vindication. I would write to both of 'em and to Col. Bradstreet, but it is impossible for me to do it at present. The happy union between the Commodore and you gives me great satisfaction. Should your men know any of your schemes, as I presume they do, before they are put upon carrying 'em into execution?

You may depend upon every thing in my power for your support; and I doubt not of the same from home. Donahew now waits for this. He is to take your orders for the delivery of the mortar, powder, etc. If you don't want 'em, they had best be put on board, either the Hector or Tyng, as is most convenient. I am with the greatest truth and esteem, Sir,

Your most assur'd and faithfull friend and serv^t^.

W. SHIRLEY.

Honble Lieuten^t^ PEPPERILL.

* See Records of the Councils of War, *ante*, p. 19. — EDS.

SAMUEL WALDO TO SHUBAEL GORHAM.*

ROYALL BATTERY, 22d May, 1745.

SIR, — I find there will be imediate occasion for the whale boats, at furthest by to-morrow night, by wch time the repairs of every one of them, which I've already mentioned to you, must be effected, or if they are not already done, one moment's time must not hereafter be lost. Lett me know the exact number that can be depended on, also what number of your men will be ready & heartily willing for the attack of the Island Battery, who their Captains & other officers, & the number belonging to each company who will go (respectively as to officers & men) that I may accordingly govern myself in providing the rest. Lett me know, if possible, this evening, or by 11 o'clock this night; or if an hour after is necessary to you, I will be up & ready to attend it. I begg the utmost dispatch & your most speedy answer & am, S^r^,

Y^r^ most humb. serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

Copy.

Col^o^ GORHAM.

JOSIAH WILLARD† TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

DEAR SIR, — It is not for want of respect that I have not written to you hitherto, but I knew you would have trouble enough without my letters; and I have had so

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* Col. Shubael Gorham was the son of Lieut. Col. John and Mary (Otis) Gorham, and was born in Barnstable, Mass., Sept. 2, 1686. He died at Louisbourg Feb. 20, 1745–6. He served in the Council of Massachusetts in 1740–43. See Whitmore's Mass. Civil List, pp. 56, 57. — EDS.

† Josiah Willard, son of Rev. Samuel Willard, of the Old South Church, Boston, was born May 1, 1681, graduated at Harvard College in 1698, and died Dec. 6, 1756. He was Secretary of the Province from June, 1717, till his death. See Hill's Hist. of the Old South Church, *passim*; Hist. Catalogue of the Old South Church, pp. 317, 318. — EDS.

full an employm^{t} in those affairs which concern you & the expedition under your direction that I could hardly find time for the common offices & refreshm^{ts} of life. I daily bless God for the signal appearances of His gracious providence towards you & the Province in general in the several stages of the important enterprize you are engaged in. But I cannot yet look upon it in such a situation as that the harness is now putting off. It would be well always to consider ourselves in the hands of God, & how easily He can blast our most hopeful expectations, even when our designs are at the very moment of their full accomplishment. And I doubt not but these are your sentiments, & that agreeably hereto you take all possible care to engage the gracious presence of God with you, & especially by discountenancing & suppressing all impiety & debauchery & encouraging vertue & religion among those under your charge.

I take this opportunity to render you my hearty thanks for your favour to my son-in-law Mr Winslow, especially in assigning the care of subsisting the companies raised for us in the province of New Hampshire. And I persuade myself that his honesty & capacity for business will recommend him to your further favour And if it should please God to deliver the place into y^{rr} hand, I must intreat that you would put Mr Winslow into such business there as you shall judge suitable for him. His circumstances in the world obliging him to enter upon a kind of new state of life; and I believe with your favour he may make such business there, thrô the help of his friends at Boston and Great Britain as will be as advantageous to him as any that can at present be thought of.

Please to give my kind respects to all my good friends among you. That the Divine Providence may crown all your laudable attempts for the good of your countrey, &

breaking the power of its enemies, with full success is the sincere desire & prayer of, dear Sir,

Your unfeigned friend & humble servant.

J. WILLARD.

BOSTON, May 22, 1745.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesties Service. To the Honble Lieu^t^ Generall Pepperrell. Att the Camp before Louisbourg.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — I have rec^d^ the six barr^ls^ powder you orderd; the new battery shall not fail of a supply as long as that or the ten barr^ls^ rec^d^ yesterday lasts. I have given out the whole in cartridges & shall continue so to do.

The affair of the bomb battery, which is certainly capable of doing great execution & giveing the enemy the greatest distress, I have long had at heart; & according to your leave & order went over thither this morning & took a view of all the batterys; at that of the bombs I saw Mr Reller, who told me their silence was for want of cannon powder, no other being suitable; and that no delay at such a chrysis as I take this to be should happen on that account I offerd him all I had, & brought with me some of his men, by whom sent him two barr^ls^, which hope he will make a good use of, thô by a blast in that quarter which I lately discover'd from hence I fear some damage is done.

There is not from the service of our fusiliers any great annoyance by any guns pointed at the West Gate battery; the only impediment that greatly affects them is the bombs, which this battery was yesterday a great check too, having silenced one of them all ye latter part of the day, and rendred the three new ambursiers useless for a time.

The last battery lying very near me is what their resentment seems to be chiefly pointed at, & they frequently vissitt the same with their shott & shells. I cant think that another gun therein is at present absolutely

necessary, as the two they have will burn more powder than can be spared them in the present circumstances of our amunition. By an ordinary computation they may fire with said two guns 18 barr^{ls} ℔ day, but if your sentiments are different from time [mine?] I am ready, as well in this as all other occasions, to obey. These two guns carryd to the spott by our battery people should not, I think, excuse a whole regiment from duty, when scarce twenty men can ever be employd in exerciseing them. However, I submit & begg pardon.

I have as many carriages as good guns; the one crackt at the muzzell is, I think, not to be trusted. Our carpenters will finish the platforms this evening in this garrison, & unless more important affairs takes them of, I intend to employ them to-morrow in making carriages for the 18 pounder French cannon.

I am endeavouring to putt in execution your order about the langrage shott, to be fired at 10 & 12 o'clock this night, & if possible I will have a third fired at 11 o'clock. I dont perceive they make any attempt to repair that Gate. I doubt not the dissatisfaction between the inhabitants & soldiery runs high, but for a reason why we have no deserters I am at a loss.

The matter of the Island Battery, I have in the most pressing manner wrote Col^{o} Gorham about it. Copy is herewith.

I observed a large ship from the westward to have joyned the Comodore, & a French small barque among the convoy I suppose another prize. I wish the gentle^{n} gone aboard the Comodore may with him take the most vigorous resolutions, which hope will be accordingly executed. I will attend you in any comand, without which duty will not dispence the absence from home of, Honble Sir, Y^{r} most obed^{t} & obl^{d} serv^{t}.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 22° May, 1745, 6 o'clock, P. M.
Gen^{ll} PEPPERRELL.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesties Service. To the Honble Lieu^t^ Gen^ll^ Pepperrell, att the Camp before Louisbourg.

Honble Sir, — In order the more effectually to secure a suitable number of good men for the service of the night I have engaged Capt Dumaresq & Capt Rhodes to vissitt the other regiments & engage what men they can find that are suitable. I find by the proceedings of the Island Battery people they expect an attack there & are now building a fascine battery on the back of the island. I am, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ most obed. hum. serv^t^.

S. Waldo.

23 May, 1745. Royall Battery, one o'clock, P. M.

I will insist on one hundred men out of Hale's regim^t^ & write C. Richmond for 50 or 100 more. S. W.

I have insisted by my letter to Col^o^ Gorham on at least 100 men out of his regiment. Since writing the above I've y^r^ plan which shall endeavour vigorously to execute. Mr Shaw is the bearer hereof. I can't yet find Capt Hodge, shall enquire him out & send him if here.

Some of Col. [*torn*] men are in town, say y^r^ camp. Pray [*torn*] them. I have stopped him from going, on promising him an equall half of all the rum. I am going to the boats, & will spend the rest of ye day & eveing in having all matters well prepared.

Col^o^ Noble is ready, & I have taken & shall still take all possible care to gett the boats in readyness & time all matters as proposed, & I hope all the regiments proposed will be as well pleased with him as mine are.

The word is King George, I suppose. Answer, — For ever. If otherwise, pray lett it be known to me.

Gen^ll^ Pepperrell.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.*

On his Majesty's Service. Lieut[t] General Pepperell, &c.

SUPERB, the 23[d] May, 1745.

SIR, — I have your favour of this date, with y[e] plan of this night for attacking the Island Battery. Wee shall be ready on our parts with, I hope, upwards of 200 seamen in our boats. Inclosed I send you a list of the number of marrines in all the ships that you may send us as many men to supply their places. I will order Snelling and the Road Iland snow to gett ready to go to Boston with prisoners, but they cant take all, and I think I shoud take men out of Snelling to assist in manning the Vigilant. I beg you'l take the best care you can of my marrines, and I assure you I will do the same to y[e] men you send in leu, which will make no addition to the expence of the Province; nor shall the victualing of any prisoners taken by y[e] King's ships and sent in the Colony vessels be any expence to them. I am much

Y[rs].

P. WARREN.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON[BLE] SIR, — Last night at half an hour after seven I rec[d] a letter signed by M[r] Secre[y] Green adviseing your sentiments of the agreeableness of the season for the attacking the Royall Battery.† The night oweing to the moon & the northern lights was not so agreeable as may happen the ensuing one, and the appearance of small detachments of men without officers was much less pleasing, many of which only under the conduct (not influence) of a sarjeant & many others only centinells without any

* Apparently the whole of this letter is in the handwriting of Commodore Warren. — EDS.

† An obvious mistake for Island Battery. — EDS.

officer of any kind, & not a few of them noisy & in liquor. This matter should be undertaken & prosecuted with the utmost coolness; & if officers as well as men would appear therein, especially to head their men, good consequences might, I doubt not ensue, & the same men being putt under direction of strangers must create utmost confusion, all wch I submit to your own sentiments & giveing orders accordingly to officers, &c^a^.

In the absence of Col^o^ Gorham I was last night attended by Maj^r^ Thatcher, who brought me a list of the companys & boats. The people who appear in this regiment willing on any account to engage herein are by the s^d^ Major's list fourteen, which with himself make fifteen. It seems they are discouraged from an apprehention that the enemy are apprised of the design & prepared for them. Col^o^ Hale's regiment many of them plead excuse from duty on account of the new battery. Severall men were detached from them last night contrary to their will, of which sort no doubt many may be found, but these are not the proper persons for this design. I fear that shall not be able to gett above 50, 60 or at most 100 men out of this regiment. I appointed them & all others that incline for this expedition to be with me at 11 or 12 o'clock this day with their officers, that they might choose their boats, fix their crews, paddles, &c^a^; by Maj^r^ Thatcher's account 30 boats were in good order. I have order'd all the rest that are here to be fixed up, & sent ab^t^ 10 men of my regim^t^ who are acquainted with the buisness to join the Cape Codd carpenters herein. Col^o^ Gorham promised to be with me this morning & lett me know the full number he could procure. I wish his influence & activity therein answer the design of raising this regiment. Yo^r^ Hon^r^ must be sensible hereby that little dependance can be had on the above two regiments, & as my whole regiment are not, if their spirritts were better than their neighbours, equall in number to this occasion, nor is the force of this whole

battery so many in number as were originally intended for this design, wherefore y^r^ Hon^r^ have^s^ proposed the sending me such further assistance from your own or other camps as is necessary to compleat the affair, I now apply accordingly, & desire you'll issue your comands, and that I may know whether stragling fellows, some 2, others 3, 4, & 7 out of a comp^a^, should go on this design. I am firmly of opinion that such without any officers belonging to them will be a disservice. The pilotts also, none of whom except Capt Hodge has appeared, must be here on the spott & in readyness. Capt Card & his company, Eld^r^ Harman & his, Capt Terry & his 100 men, also the men who would have gone with Capt Pierce, would be the most likely to be serviceable herein, but any companys you think well of may probably do as well. Col^o^ Chādler said if he went he could raise 100 men out of his regiment. As the intended attack is to be to-night I shall be impatient till I see the people here in an orderly manner, & fixed in their boats before night. You may please to comand 100 or 150 or all the men out of this garrison, which, notwithstanding the representations made to y^r^ Hon^r^ to the contrary, has done & daily do harder duty, & more of it, than any in the army. There has not any thing yet been undertaken or effected but they have been principall actors, especially in the laborious part, and its a great discouragement to officers who have served well to be reputed inactive, &c., not to say worse. People less active would raise their own reputation by traduceing their betters. Yo^r^ Hon^r^ will, I hope, timely discover who are & who are not the most zealous & active in the publick service. The granado shells & the powd^r^ canteens & match prepared ab^d^ Capt Rouse with all the granadeers will be necessary; the quantity of ladders wch we have here will, I suppose, be sufficient. The least quantity of men I can think equall to this undertaking is 400, & if you would have the attempt go on with a less number

pray manifest it, and it shall att all hazards be undertaken. Pray lett me know whether I am absolutely to comand any of Col° Gorham's, or any others, to go on this expedition, as Mr Green writes. As to my haveing an opportunity of displaceing officers, I don't expect it, as they don't or won't appear. I am greatly surprised at Gorham's not coming to me according to my orders & his promise. However, the compleating the boats is going forward. This affair is of that importance & of the last consequence that I have orderd the bearer to attend y^r^ answer, & I shall endeavour to execute your orders. As to the present spirrits of my own regim^t^ you'll know in ye close hereof. I am, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 23^d^ May, 1745.

Gen^ll^ PEPPERRELL.

EDWARD WINSLOW * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honourable Wm Pepperill, Esqr, Generall of ye Army at Cape Britton.

BOSTON, May 24th, 1745.

HONOUR^BLE^ S^R^, — I am enformed by my son Mr Wm Winslow of your great respects to him in appointing him comissary of the troops belonging to Hampshier in the pro. pay, for which I give your Hono^r^ my hearty thanks. I hope and believe he will behave in all dutifull regards to your Hono^r^ and all his superiour officers, and by his care recomend himself so that it may be introductory to farther favours when there may be oportunity for it. I want words to express the obligation I am under to your Hono^r^ for ye notice you have taken of him already. If

* Edward Winslow was born in Boston in 1669, married a daughter of Rev. Joshua Moody of the First Church, and was a prominent citizen of Boston, being Colonel of the regiment and Sheriff of the county. He had two sons at Louisbourg. See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. xvii. p. 160. — EDS.

it should pleas God to prosper your undertaking, I am proun to think he will encline to tarrey there, provided he may have your Honour's favour for it. I dare engage for his fidelity. We are longing to hear of farther sucksess, and cant but be thankfull for what we hear from your army, &c. These with my most hearty wishes for your saifty and prosperity is ye needfull from, S^r^, your Honor^s^

Most obedient humble serv^t^.

EDWARD WINSLOW.

For the Honob^le^ Wm PEPPERILL, Esqr.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, May 25, 1745.

SIR, — The inclos'd are copies of advices which I receiv'd yesterday in the afternoon from Annapolis Royal, to which I have to add that the inhabitants of Nova Scotia begin, as I suspected they soon would, openly to countenance and assist the enemy, who I hear are 8 or 900 in number, and have begun to make regular approaches to the garrison by breaking ground at the distance of about two muskets' shot from it, in full expectation of Mr Duvivier's arrival (no doubt) from France in a short time with troops and ships. It seems therefore absolutely necessary that they should have at least one of our twenty gun ships and arm'd vessells of less force sent 'em without loss of time for their countenance and protection, and to open a communication between the garrison and this Province, which is at present entirely block'd up. Tyng, I believe, would do best for the large ship and Donahew for the smaller arm'd vessell, if they are at hand to be sent, unless your circumstances are such at Cape Breton that you can safely spare a forty gun ship or Captn Gayton. But this must depend upon your circumstances there; only I beg that at least two of our cruizers may go to the garrison's

assistance without delay, if Gayton or another of the King's ships cannot be spared. I shall in the mean time endeavour to persuade Major Aldridge to send to their assistance the Canso troops, which are now reduc'd to about 43 effective men, in an arm'd vessell from hence sufficient to retake or destroy the sloop and schooner the enemy have taken. I am also in hourly expectation of the arrival here of 170 recruits from England, but am in pain for their expected storeship lest she should proceed directly to Annapolis Bason without convoy or first coming hither. I should have observ'd to you that the guns mention'd in Govr Mascarene's letter are only two three pounders and some swivels. However, it is necessary, if possible, that the vessells taken by the enemy, as also the guns, should be retaken or destroy'd at least.

In answer to the letters I sent to the governments of New England pressing for a reinforcement of men, I have receiv'd from Govern^{r} Wentworth that he will use his best endeavours with his new Assembly, which is to meet the 5th of next month; from Rhode Island Governour that he will use his with the Assembly of that Colony, which sits to-morrow; and from the Governour of Connecticut that the Assembly of that Colony have voted two companies of 100 men each, exclusive of commission officers, to be rais'd instantly; and as I have promis'd in order to induce 'em the more readily to raise men that I would take care that the troops should be convoy'd to Cape Breton, I have desir'd the Com̃o^{dre} to enable me to do it by instantly sending away to New London the Connecticut Colony sloop and one other of our cruizers besides Smethurst and Fletcher, whom I desir'd for the protection of our own coasts. I meet our own Assembly Thursday next.

I am assur'd that the 170 troops which I hourly expect from England under the command of Captn Winslow have orders to proceed directly to Boston, and there to take

their orders from me, and if I send 'em upon no other service, for 'em to proceed from hence to Annapolis Royal. If I find I can with any safety to the garrison send 'em to Cape Breton I will do it, but I shall be very tender of leaving that expos'd to any risque for the want of 'em. Since I begun this letter I am inform'd that 400 of the Nova Scotians enlisted at Schiegneto and Menis in the enemy's service, and have been training all this winter under officers from Canada. It grieves me much that I have it not in my power to send a party of 500 men forthwith to Menis, and burn Grand Pré, their chief town, and open all their sluices, and lay their country waste at the back of their camp, which might be done with such a number in a night's time. But if it pleases God that we succeed at Cape Breton, I doubt not but we shall settle Nova Scotia upon a better foot for the future.

Three parts in four of the men which come up with the small prizes are lost here by scattering up and down, and neglecting to return, which creates a great deal of trouble as well as loss. It might therefore be as well for the future to keep your very small prizes at Canso 'till we can better spare the men that are sent up in 'em from the service, the loss of whom is of more consequence than these little prizes after the charge of condemnation is deducted. I must recommend Interpreter Bean's son of George's and an Indian which comes with him to your favour. The Indian is, I am assur'd, of some note in the Penobscot tribe, as he is related to the sachem, and is a man of interest among 'em. He is a voluntier in his Majesty's service under my protection. Your distinguishing him properly and kindness to him may be a means of engaging more of his tribe to follow his example. I am, Sir,

Your faithful friend and humble servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

Lieut. Genl PEPPERILL.

GENERAL ORDERS OF COMMODORE WARREN.

By Peter Warren, Esqr, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessells employ'd & to be employ'd in North America to the northward of Carolina.

Whereas it has been agreed upon, at a consultation of sea officers held on board his Majesty's ship Superbe, the 25 May, 1745, to go into Lewisbourg harbour in order to attack the town with all his Majesty's ships of warr and Collony cruizers, if the General will put sixteen hundred men on board, six hundred of them for the Vigilant, the rest to be distributed among his Majesty's ships, and that all the transports, schooners, and other vessells in the pay of the government of New England go into the N. E^{t} Harbour at the same time.

You are therefore hereby required and directed when I shall hoist a Dutch ensign at my mizen topmast head to gett your ship clear & ready in every respect to go into the harbour with me and all the ships, in the following order of battle, vizt.

The Hector to lead
Vigilant
Eltham
Superbe
Princess Mary
Mermaid
Launceston
Bien Aime
Mullinox
Cæsar
Boston Packett.

The Fame, the Shirley, & the Massachusetts to keep on the offside, abreast of the three ships that lead, till the Hector is anchor'd, then the Fame who is to lead the Shirley & Massachusetts is to stretch so farr ahead as to leave room for the Shirley and Massachusetts to anchor

between her and the Hector, the Massachusetts to be next to the Hector, and the Shirley next to her.

You are before you go in to put all your booms, such as spare topmasts and yards, on board some of the transports, and all your boats with their oars and rudders, except one yawl, which you are to keep on the off side from the enemy, and to barrocade your ship in the best manner to save your men from the enemy's small shott, and as a great deal depends upon good management in bringing the ships to anchor without hurry or confusion, I propose to go in with a fore and mizen topsail, and have harbour leechlines to them, in order to their being hawld up snugg when at an anchor, and have every other sail furl'd before we gett in gun shott of the enemy. I wou'd have every ship have both his bowers ready to let go, but to have his stream cable out of the gunroom port bent to the ring of his best bower as a spring, and stopp'd at about half a cable, to which you are to vere your best bower cable, as 'tis propos'd to ride with our sterns towards the entrance of the harbour to prevent being rak'd by the enemy in winding, and every ship is to carry a jack at the mizen peek, and to haul it down the instant she lets go her anchor that the ships astern of her may do the same. When you get into the entrance of the harbour it will be proper to let your anchor hang a cockbill in the stoppers, by which means it will be the readyer to let go, and you are to take care not to let your anchor go in shoal water for fear of bilging your ship upon it. If it shou'd by any means happen that you shou'd find to little water, you are when you let go your anchor to shear your ship clear of it if possible.

I think the best distance wee can keep from each other in going in will be about that of a cable and a half, but when in and anchor'd to vere so much cable that the flying jibb boom of one ship be over the tafferel of the other that lead her. No ship is to fire a shott till she is fairly

anchor'd, then every such ship, finding the smoak of their guns will not be a prejudice to the rest, is to use their endeavour to annoy the enemy in every shape they can, taking care to fire deliberately, and not with hurry or noise.

When any ship shall hoist an ensign at her mizen peek, then her boats are to go immediately from the transports they may be on board of to her. And as the Tarter and Defence, Collony arm'd sloops, are to be in the N. E^{t} Harbour with the transports, they are to keep their boats ready, with hawsers or small cables and anchors of their own, or of any of the transports, in them and to send them to any ship that shall hoist her ensign at the mizen peek, and when I hoist a Dutch ensign at the mizen peek in the day, or three lights one over another in the night, all the whale boats with the ladders and all the boats belonging to the King's ships, Collony cruizers, transports, & vessells of every kind that are in the N. E^{t} Harbour are to come on board me immediately on the off side from the enemy, mann'd and arm'd, with every soul and those belonging to the Tarter and Defence, Collony sloops of warr.

All the Collony cruizers and transports, &ca., are hereby strictly order'd to follow my directions herein and in every other shape I shall order, upon pain of being punish'd by martial law, to which they are liable, and any of them that shall not go into the N. E^{t} Harbour of Lewisbourg when I go to attack the town with the ships shall be deem'd as cowards and traytors to their country and as such be punish'd with death, unless they shall have orders from me, the General, or some other person authoriz'd by him or me, to perform some other service, in which case they shall have an equal right with all the people that go in with us to the plunder of the town of Lewisbourg.

In case any ship shall be in danger of sinking by the

enemy's shot, they are to hawl on shore on the side of the Grand Battery, and use all their endeavours to save their powder, ammunition, and arms of all kinds and their provisions.

Every ship having her stream anchor, and a good hawser bent to it, hanging over her tafferel may be of great use.

All other necessary preparations, as circumstances may vary, are left to the discretion of the officer commanding each ship.

All the ships of warr and Collony cruizers to have one third of their number of men ready to land, properly arm'd, when I shall order boats for them.

If the ships going in judge that the smoke of their guns will not put them in confusion nor darken the entrance (which I believe it wont if the wind be to the northward of the E^{t}) then in that case every ship may fire a broadside in passing at the Island Battery, taking care that the people quarter'd at the anchors, cables, and sails do not, by any means, leave that service, and proper officers are to be directed to see those people plac'd.

Every officer or private man who shall distinguish himself upon this occasion shall be rewarded by preferment, or otherwise, as they shall deserve.

P. Warren.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Honble Sir, — According to your comands I this morning sent out a scout of 160 men under Capt James Noble, whose orders were to go to M. Duvivier's farm at Mera, in order to secure the Frenchmen there & recover the English prisoners, & have^{s} since I saw y^{r} Honor the last evening a tollerable good account from the captive you were pleased to send over to me of a probability of recovering the Manchester boy (one Lee) who was the only

person not murtherd out of a schooner's crew, I orderd the scout to make their progress accordingly & to secure wha[t] French familys there was in the village where this boy is, & in their march to take effectuall care to drive all the live stock, consisting of black cattle & sheep, either to your Honour's camp or to this fortress, and to burn & destroy all shallops & other vessells they might meet with in the severall coves or harbours to prevent the usuall supply of fish & other provisions going to the besieged, and I am in hopes if the French boy who is with ye scout is faithfull to give your Hon^r^ a good account of their proceedings.

I have also been over to the light house side, where have found a very convenient place for erecting a fine battery to the seaward, which may mount 20 or 30 guns, & greatly annoy if not effectually prevent the entry of any ships into this harbour, if proper cannon can be found or spared for this purpose, and a flank or bastion to ye said battery may be made that will mount 4 or 5 guns that will rainge the Island Battery, & greatly annoy them in the fires they make against us, but as the effecting this battery will be a work of some time & ye approaches thereto are greatly exposed to the enemy's fire, I have determined as Col^o^ Gorham's regiment have leisure enough that they this evening & the ensuing night thrô up another about northwest of ye light house (that first proposed being on the southeast thereof) which will greatly annoy the Island Battery, being the best situated in my poor apprehention for that purpose; and as I have enjoyned Col^o^ Gorham to proceed therein this night, and their works will doubtless be discoverd by the enemy in the morning they may enduce the enemy to think there is no hazard of executing ye proposed surprise by our boats, &c^a^, in the night, which from the view this day taken of it may be easily & very securely effected, — I mean with loss of few or no men. Sh^d^ this intended

attack go on, I submit it to y^r Hon^r whether it would not be best early in the evening before such attack to order the approach of a number of troops, ladders, &c^a, towards the West Gate on the north part of the town walls, which may occasion the calling in some aids from ye Island.

The French gentlĕ, who is here a prisoner gives me very sattisfactory accounts of the execution done by ye cannon frō this battery against the enemy. He affirms that one shott of ours killed & wounded fourteen men. Other feats you have already heard of, that could this battery be supplyed with a proper quantity of amunition and a brisk fire be made to-morrow from hence, as well as the two gun West Gate & bomb battery, it would greatly distress the inhabitants to whom only its owing that the city holds out so long a siege. My powder in order to silence the enemy's bombs is now quite exhausted, but as I doubt not of a supply hereof to-morrow morning, if not this evening, from the hundred barr^ls your Hon^r orderd yesterday from the Vigilant prise. My people want twine or thread to make cartridges, or glew to mix with flour for paiste to answer the same service, & there not being to my knowledge a proper officer to apply to for this service I doubt not you'll excuse my mentioning it to y^r Hon^r.

On the light house side are already haled out of ye water 21 cannon of different bores, the largest being an eighteen pounder; there are about 11 or 12 more in the water wch appear to be much larger, & I think some of them may be 32 pounders, but as no shott can be found in any of our stores suitable for them I fear it will be some time before we can make use thereof, should they be found serviceable. Gorman, the armourer, has been at work cleansing the guns, & I proposed before they are haled to have them proved. The carpenters comp^a go on slowly in making carriages for the 18 pounders. My

carpenters have been employed this whole day in repairing the whale boats which y^r^ Secretary in his letter just this moment deliverd me gives me to understand there may be occasion for this night. I wish success to the design which had it been accompanyd with a more regular appearance would have given me greater sattisfaction. I hope, however, should they proceed God will grant them success. The adventurers seem to be impatient in all appearance for some action. The absence of almost all my well men will prevent my sustaining them in the attack should it be found necessary. Should their numbers come short of the one proposed by y^r^ Hon^r^, I'le endeavour to detain them here till Monday evening, when doubtless additions of people of more consequence than these appear to be will be made to them. I am, with much respect, Honble Sir,

Yo^r^ most obed^t^ & most obl^d^ humb. serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

I want shott of 42^lbs^, which pray order when the Boston ones are landed.

ROYALL BATTERY, 26 May, 1745, 7 o'clock in ye even^g^.

I have wrote a line to Capt Brooks & Lieu^t^ Morgan to tell them the attempt against the Island Battery is proposed by many adventurers to be caryed on this evening, & not on the morrow, & desire they'll, if possible, be in readyness to joyn, & if all agree on a chief I shall follow orders in appointing one accordingly.

S. W.

The Honble Lieu^t^ Genl PEPPERRELL.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

CANSO, May 26, 1745.

HON^R^ SIR, — I wrote y^r^ Hon^r^ by Capt Hammond the 19th inst., that we had but 90 flints for 90 men on this island, except those in our firelocks, nor more than 3 ℔ weight of musquet bullets & those chiefly too small for our pieces, nor any swan shott; & beg leave also to inform y^r^ Hon^r^ that we have but a fortnight's provision, it being y^r^ Hon^r's^ order that I should stop out of the store vessells but one month's allowance, it being a fortnight since I received the last stores by Capt Bradford; & Capt Beckett says he is reduced to the same short allowance of provisions. Therefore, pray that y^r^ Hon^r^ would please to order us both a sufficient supply of provisions, having no vessell in the harbour but his fit to put to sea on any emergence, & he being unwilling to tarry longer without provisions; & that y^r^ Hon^r^ would please to order me a supply of ammunition; & I am the more earnest in my request because Capt Beckett from the Isle of Madam, last Wednesday, bro't advice that two Frenchmen of Cape Breton had been to Quebec since the arrival of ye English in these parts, & that a thousand French & Indians were ready to embark for Cape Breton, by way of ye Gut of Canso; & Capt Newmarch, in seven days from Annapolis Harbour, informs that on Sunday last, passing from the Bason towards the fort, he was attacked by eleven large French canoos full of Indians, not less than eighteen in a canoo, who obliged him to put about & return, & that there was a French sixty gun ship lately in at Liscomb's Harbour. And y^r^ Hon. knows my compliment of men is small, their labour great, & their duty hard, & that nothing is more discouraging to soldiers than shortness of provisions & ammunition, especially in so remote a situation as I am placed in.

On the 23^{d} inst. Capt Smith bro't y^{r} Hon$^{r's}$ letter of the 21st inst., by whom I had the agreeable news that Commodore Warren had taken the large French ship mentioned in y^{r} Hon$^{r's}$ letter, which I hope will prove y^{e} same that came out of Liscomb's Harbour, & an earnest of y^{r} Hon^{r} being in a short time master of y^{e} harbour & city of Louisbourg. Ever since these canon were mounted, I have kept as many of them as I could pointed against the harbour's mouth, & have them in as good order as the shortness of our stock of ammunition will allow of, having none but common shott for them, except one box of grape. Y^{r} Hon^{r} is pleased to direct me that none of our people should go from the island, which I shall punctually observe, but must begg leave to represent to y^{r} Hon^{r} that, unless I have some vessell with a sufficient number of people allowed to get a quantity of ranging timber, these works must cease, there being but one barrack erected in the square, which when finished will be sufficient for one company only and a store room, & the other company will be oblig'd to lodge without the garrison 'till timber can be procured for that purpose, there being nothing on the island but a few short pickets of six or seven feet long, neither fit to build barracks, nor to inclose the square withal, & y^{r} Hon^{r} will easily conceive so small a number of men lodged in many apartments, & fatigued with labour as these troops have been since I came to this place, must be very much exposed in the night season, notwithstanding the greatest vigilance of the officers. I am therefore obliged in justice to myself & the troops posted here to repeat my request for more assistance in procuring the materials necessary to make this place in some measure defensible. For altho' I think I should not have been backward to have headed my company, had y^{r} Hon^{r} tho't fit, in any attack that has been proposed, the Royal Battery & Island Battery not excepted, or to take any chance with them in any part of

these woods, yet I can't be contented to be fixed on this island with the small number of troops I have, unless I can have provided for me, or have the liberty of providing for myself, materials sufficient to make it defensible, & I doubt not y^r^ Hon^r^ will think there is some reason for my uneasiness, if y^r^ Hon^r^ will please to consider that by means of the French prisoners placed here, & the small distance we lye from the main, it is most probable the defenceless circumstances of the place are fully known to the Indians as well as French in the neighbourhood, & I can assign no reason why they have not attacked us already, unless that they are upon greater enterprizes in other places. Capt Beckett in his last cruise landed on the island of Magdalen, & burnt eleven houses, but the people either discrying him at a distance, or having previous notice, had striped the place of all but some doggs & a few religious trinketts, which he bro't away, & got a few cattle at ye isle of Madam, as he returned, & Francis Sambrieux bro't with him his other son. But his wife's parents, he says, would not come with him, but purpose to come in a boat with some other people in a few days. Capt Beckett purposes to go to Santa Spirit to burn the place; but I can't think it safe for this place that he should be long absent, unless some other vessell were stationed here. I begg leave to remind y^r^ Hon^r^ of ye large quantity of cord wood on the island of Madam & other places round this Bay, which by the assistance of one or two transports under a proper convoy might be bro't to this place, where it would be of service to the army or to this garrison in case it be continued, and by the fires we have lately observed that way is in danger of being burnt, if not part of it already consumed. I am, y^r^ Hon^r's^

Most dutiful & obliged hum. serv^t^.

AMMI R. CUTTER.

To Genl PEPPERRELL.

PAUL MASCARENE* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

S^r^, — I acquainted Governour Shirley about three weeks ago with a party of French & Indians from Canada, who with the Indians of this Province made a body of seven hundred men, being within a little more than a day's march from this fort, who accordingly a few days after came, & in the night surpriz'd seven of our men who, contrary to my orders, had been left in an island a league from the garrison, where in the day-time they were cutting timber for the repairs of the fort. The enemy came soon after about our works, firing after the Indian manner, and try'd their fire-arrows for several nights at the wooden block-houses & buildings which are dispos'd about the fort, but without any great success. The greatest mischief they did us was the taking of two schooners coming from Boston with private stores. An express from Lewisbourg, which, according to the information I have, must have left that place the 1st or second instant, came to call them off, to go, as it is suppos'd, to the assistance of Cape Breton. The commander of that party, Monsr Marin, had orders to stay at Chignicto, at the upper part of our Bay, 'till the arrival of the force expected from France for the attack of this place, but being overforward he came down & thereby has considerably disappointed those who sent for him, who believ'd him still at Chignicto, & therefore much nearer to them, & will I hope arrive too late for their assistance. He may either try an attack on Canso, or by landing in canoes on

* Paul Mascarene was born in France, of a French family, in 1684. At an early age he went to Geneva and afterward to England, where he was naturalized in 1706 In 1708, he entered the military service, and served with distinction in several campaigns. In 1740 he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Annapolis and administered the government until 1749. In 1758 he was made a Major General in the English army. He died in Boston Jan. 22, 1760. See Dictionary of National Biography, vol. xxxvi. pp. 406, 407; Coll. of Nova Scotia Hist. Soc., vol. ii. pp. 22-24. — EDS.

the back of Cape Breton fall on some of the quarters of the besiegers. I was preparing an express to advise you of it, but at the instance of Governour Shirley for an engineer, which I should have answer'd before had it not been for a particular limitation the Governour had himself prescrib'd and perhaps forgott, Mr Bastide offering himself to go in a vessel keept in the ordnance employ, I heartily gave my approbation to it, & orderd him the attendance & stores he demanded, being well pleas'd this place could contribute some part to the carrying on so considerable a service. Our harbour will be quite defencless & lyable to the insult of the meanest privateer. I must referr you to Engineer Bastide, who is well acquainted with the state of this place, & the nature of its inhabitants, as I am loath to detain him a moment, & therefore cannot enter into particulars. I am, with great esteem, Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant.

ANNAPOLIS ROYALL, 27th May, 1745. P. MASCARENE.

Honble General PEPPEREL.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — In complyance with your comands of yesterday I was ready to afford the Island Battery adventurers all the assistance they required, & furnished them accordingly with many necessarys. I am heartily sorry the event is according to my fears, which were founded on the precipitancy & irregularly of the assailants. The number that embarked for this design must be very little less than four hundred. I am sensible from what I saw at the begining of the attack that the greater part thereof never intended to land.

The scout sent out yesterday is returned with 7 men & one woman prisoners; the two English captives which

was part of their charge to take care of were conveyed by M. Beaubassan a few days ago for Louisbourg. I apprehend there is a probability of recovering them & two shallops sent by that gentlẽ, about which I shall give Col° Gorham an imediate charge. Inclosed is copy of my letter to him of last night that he should endeavour to sustain our men in their entry into the Island Battery.

I have an account brought me that the French this morning murtherd some of our men that fell into their hands at the Island Battery; if this be fully proved you'll doubtless do yourself justice by demanding the criminells of the French Govr, or executing a proper number of the French king's subjects.

I have only to add that I am going to the light house with Capt M^c^Donneld & that Capt Durrell is sounding the channel, & to assure you I am, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ most obed^t^ & obliged humb. serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 27 May, 1745.

I have not two rounds of powder, & not any number of men that are able to bring any here. The silence of all our batterys after the misfortune of last night is very prejudiciall to our intrests. I humbly apprehend we ought rather to have doubled our zeal ye way. I informed y^r^ Hon^r^ some time ago of the necessity of a good party at the West Gate. Y^e^ French will certainly take courage from the last night's event, & if they sally, which I every morning as duly as it arrives expect to hear of, they'll cutt off all that party & spike up y^r^ guns & mortars, which will be very inglorious, as well as injurious, to us. Capt M^c^Donald thinks there is the utmost danger hereof.

Gen^ll^ PEPPERRELL.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 30th May, 1745.

SIR, — I receiv'd your favour of the 28th instant last night by Capt^{s} Durell & Macdonald, who I sent to conferr with you, and am glad you intend to come off, with a number of your Council, to consider what can be done towards the reduction of Lewisbourg. I will give you the first opportunity of clear weather, and will call, if possible, all my captains together to be present, and give their opinions. I believe you find it has been represented much weaker then it really is. If it is practicable to mount the breach you mention to have made near the West Gate, I presume that will be your next step.

I am very sorry for the miscarriage and loss of men in the attempt on the Island Battery. There was as great a surff the night it was undertaken as I have known here, and I desired Captain Durell to acquaint you, if you wou'd lend us your whale boats wee wou'd attempt it from the ships the first favourable opportunity, thô I must own I think wee ought not to unmann them upon any account, as a sea force of the enemy may be daily expected, whom wee ought to be in a condition to receive.

I am much concern'd at the sickness in your camp, and wee have our share of it in our ships, and fear it will increase.

Capt^{s} Durell and Macdonald tells me a battery may be made near the light house that will annoy the island one very much, and recommend it as one of the greatest consequence.

You will please to send any vessells you think proper to Anapolis for the mortar, &ca., you mention, or where else you please.

I wrote to you for your opinion about sending Snelling, the Road Island ship and snow to Boston with prisoners, but have not had any answer. I propose to send Captain

Gayton at the same time, and they will be able to take all those that belong'd to the Vigilant.

I am inform'd you have no powder left; it is luckey wee had any to supply you. I am told you have an Irish boy, lately taken, that lived in the town; if you send him off to me, I will endeavour to pick something out of him.

You may be assur'd, my good Sir, of all the assistance that wee can give with our ships in every shape.

Captain Macdonald informs me that many of the arms belonging to your men are very bad, and as there are some chests of musquets in the prize, if you approve of it I'll perswade the captors to let you have them at a moderate price.

I wish the stores were not at such a distance from the batterys, which greatly hinders their firing so brisk upon the enemy as they otherwise might.

I have not heard but a few guns fired from any of your batterys this twenty-four hours. I am, Sir,

Y^r^ most obedient, humble serv^t^.

P. WARREN.

Lt General PEPPERELL, &c.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — On my arrivall at this fortress last evening, about 7 o'clock, I found Col^o^ Gorham & Col^o^ Hale's party had returned from ye scout they sett out upon three days ago under Col^o^ Noble, & brought with them one prison^r^ & advice that Col^o^ Noble had taken another, & was also coming in. Att about eleven Col^o^ Noble returned wth that part of the scout which were drawn out of this garrison, & with him brought six soldiers of Beaubassin's party, which by examining the prisoners yor Hon^r^ will have the sattisfaction of finding they are not only routed, but in great measure destroyed, and would you be pleased to order a good hunt-

ing scout to go to Mira where Beaubassin is, & wounded in the legg, as some of the prisoners say, if he has not made his escape into Louisbourg by water, wch we hear he made severall attempts towards; & Gorham's men saw a shallop the night before last come round the light house point. However this may be, there remaines a considerable number of his men, either French or Indians, in the woods, & unarmed as well as scant of provissions, that I humbly am of opinion it will be of no small importance to have a further scout sent out, wch will not only, I flatter myself, prevent those people's rallying again or joyning any other party, but may deter the Indians now on the main from coming over to this island, & occasion those who do not fall into our hands to quitt this island forthwith, that y^r^ camp may be safe & easy, and the enemy (who last night burnt all their houses without the N° East Gate) be disappointed of any recruits from the continent, wch they have, y^r^ Hon^r^ is sensible, been labouring for. Col° Noble's party brought in also three women, which I shall keep for y^r^ further orders. Our men left in the woods severall of the enemy wounded, and the prisoners inform that in this circumstance & dead is forty of their men, being part of the consequence of Col° Noble's meeting them. As you'll be able to gather every intelligence by examination of the prisoners that I can further offer, I shall only add that the severall works here in hand are carrying on, and I have wrote Col° Gorham by no means to loose this night for the effecting his battery. The circular battery near the West Gate is very much racked by the cannon of the two-gun battery, that there may soon be a large space for entry at & near the West Gate. I am, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ most obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 31° May, 1745.

General PEPPERRELL.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 31st of May, 1745.

SIR, — Captain MacDonald is of oppinion that the marines wou'd be of great service on shore, is ready and willing to command them, as is every other officer of them under his command, and as I wou'd do all in my power to contribute to the success of his Majesty's arms, they shall be landed from all the ships when you will please to send an equal number of your men on board the ships in their stead to keep the ships, who are now sickly, in a condition to attack any naval force of the enemy that may come here; and as the Vigilant will very soon be ready to joyn me, I hope you will please to order men from the camp and transports to man her, and then if it is thought practicable or adviseable for all the ships & Collony cruizers to go into the harbour and attack the town and batterys, the sooner it is determined upon the better, for you see the foggs are sett in to such a degree that I can have very little communication with you, nor even with the squadron.

I think the disposition for attacking the town with the ships, if it shall be thought practicable, shou'd be made while the Vigilant is fitting that no time be lost.

We are of oppinion that the battery at the light house shou'd be carryed on as soon as possible to annoy the Island Battery, Captain Durell informing me, it will be of infinite service, as it will greatly facilitate the entrance of the ships into the harbour.

As you see the foggs render it impossible to have a frequent communication with you, you, Sir, & your Council might send us off your oppinions, and let us at once know what number of men you will assist us with, if we go into the harbour with the ships, as proposed by the

plan sent you, dated the 25th instant. If you had agreed to that, the disposition wou'd have been made, and the men from you embark'd the instant the Vigilant cou'd have been ready, and as by our plan near three hundred of our marines wou'd have been joynd to your troops the number that we shou'd have been reinforced by you wou'd only have been 1300 men, which number we proposed to land when proper with a number of our seamen, and the whale boats were to come on board of us with ye ladders and all the boats of the ships of warr, Collony cruizers, and transports from the N. East Harbour, to make up as large a body as we cou'd.

Herewith I send you the disposition I intended to make for the execution of our plan, if it had been agreed to, and hope as the Vigilant is not ready, tis not yet too late, if you yourselves think it practicable and adviseable to go into the harbour with the naval force we now have, for this shou'd be maturely agreed on for my justification, let the consequences be what they will.

If the guns are to be landed from Bush for the battery at the light house, it ought to be considered whether it will be most convenient to carry them from the inside or outside of the harbour to the battery. If from the inside, then I think they had better land them in shallops in the night, two or three at a time, who may go in without interruption. Collonel Gorum, who, I am told, is at the light house, will be the best judge of this. If you please to send to him there, as he shall judge, you can act properly with Bush; and if I can give any assistance in landing them, you'll let me know, and I will readily do it. The carriages and every thing belonging to them shou'd be landed at the same time.

I was glad to hear our people fire very briskly at the facine battery this morning.

I was at anchor within two miles of your camp in hopes of seeing you to-day, but the fogg, which gave us a glare

of about an hour, came on so thick that I soon despair'd of that pleasure. I am, with esteem, Sir,

Your most obed^{t} serv^{t}.

P. WARREN.

Lieu^{t} General PEPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PAUL MASCARENE.

P Capt Rous. CAMP, June 2^{d}, 1745.

S^{r}, — I take this opportunity by Capt Rous, whom Commodore Warren dispatches to know the state of Annapolis, to acquaint you that I have been encampt with an army from N. E. under my command before Louisbourg since 31st Ap^{l} past. In which time we have made considerable progress against the enemy, having with great difficulty got five batterys of cannon and one bomb battery against the town, besides the Royall Battery which we are in possession of, and hope soon by the blessing of God to be within the walls of the town. We have met with the misfortune to split our largest mortar. And as I am confident you will most readily contribute any thing in your power for his Maj^{ts} service in this expedition, the success of which will so much redound to the honour and advantage of our nation in general, and to all his Majestie's Northern Colonies & settlements in special, and which if successfull may much conduce to the future security of Nova Scotia, I take leave to ask of you the loan of a thirteen inch mortar & a 7 inch brass mortar, with a number of shells for each, if you think it consistent with his Majestie's service at Annapolis to spare them. If you consent to send them Capt Rous will receive them. As we are in great want of engineers, which you are sensible it must be impossible to do without in our circumstances, think it will be highly for his Majestie's service that you send me one of those you have with ypu. Mr Cowley I understand is a gentleman

of merit and next to Mr Bastide, and could I have him here I (as well as the service) shou'd be highly oblig'd thereby. I shall by this opportunity write to that gentleman upon the affair.

Y^rs^, &c.

W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO JOHN HENRY BASTIDE.*

Pr Capt Rous. CAMP, June 2^d^, 1745.

S^r^, — I take this opportunity by Capt Rous, whom Commodore Warren dispatches to enquire of the welfare of Annapolis, to pay my compliments to you, and as I am confident you will most readily contribute every thing in your power for his Majesty's service in the expedition against Louisbourg, the honour and advantage of which to our King and country you have a just sense of, I would acquaint you that I think it will be for his Majestie's service and the good of this expedition to have Mr Cowley's assistance here, we being poorly provided with persons experienced in engineering, therefore doubt not but you will forward his coming. I design by this opportunity to write that gentleman on it. Notwithstanding the uncouth climate and exceeding great difficulties in landing and transporting our artillery, we have got several batteries thrown up against the enemy which have had considerable success. And hope we shall by the blessing of God be soon within the walls.

Y^rs^, &c.

W. P.

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* Mr. Bastide was an engineer, and in 1770 was made a lieutenant general in the English army. — EDS.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM COWLEY.

Pr Capt Rous. CAMP, June 2^d^, 1745.

SIR, — As I can make no doubt of your intire readiness to contribute all in your power for promoting the success of an enterprize of so much importance to his Majesty and our nation as the reduction of Louisbourg, and as I think it will be greatly for his Maj^s^ service and the good of this expedition to have the direction and assistance of some gentleman of approv'd judgment and experience in engineering, I take leave to give you this trouble, to acquaint you that I shall highly esteem the favour of your company here if possible, and doubt not but you will thereby merit the thanks of all concerned in the success of the expedition, and give you opportunity hereafter to reflect with pleasure on your having been assisting in so glorious an acquisition as the reduction of Louisbourg to the crown of Great Britain.

Y^rs^, &c. W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO JAMES DOUGLAS.*

CAMP, June 2^d^, 1745.

S^r^, — Your favours of yesterday's date I have received. Am much oblig'd to you for your care relating the powder; am sorry to find there was a mistake as to the quantity said to be on board the Vigilant; hope our supply which I hourly expect from Boston will arrive in season. I have determin'd immediately to supply six hundred men for manning the Vigilant, which shall send

* James Douglas was born in 1703 and died in 1787. He became a distinguished naval officer, rose to the rank of Admiral, and was knighted. In the expedition against Louisbourg he commanded the Mermaid, and was afterward transferred to the Vigilant. He served on the court martial which tried and condemned Admiral Byng, and was often in command on the American coast. See Dictionary of National Biography, vol. xv. p. 332. — EDS.

off to you as fast as possible. Am very much oblig'd to you for your kind present. Hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you on board Commodore Warren this day, whom I propose to wait on to determine upon measures for the speedy prosecution of our design against Louisbourg. I heartily wish you success in the command of the Vigilant. I have sent orders to the Grand Battery for Mr Mathews to come from thence to go on board. Shall order the proper officers to give a rec^t^ for the 75½ bbs. powder.

Y^rs^, &c. W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

CAMP, June 2^d^, 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,— Inclos'd is a copy of my last ℔ Smith, since which our batteries have been employ'd in the best manner the gunners I could here pick up & the scantiness of ammunition would admit of. Our powder has been some days since expended, as well the 100 half barrels sent ℔ Capt Gayton as the whole of what was first brought from Boston. We are now also in want of shott of all sorts, vizt, 42, 22, 18, & 9 pounders, of the first of wch one thous^d^ will be but a scanty supply as they will serve for 50 rounds only; of the 18 pounders shall want 2000 at least, as we have already taken up 6 cannon, 18 pounders, of the enemies wch were sunk, have only 18 or 20 rounds of the former left, and for the latter have not four rounds, so that in prudence have been oblig'd very much to keep silent our artillery; of nine & 22 pounders have not any left, nor can the fleet supply us. I have borrow'd of Commod^re^ Warren 187½ barrels gunpowder, but have not the least encouragem^t^ from him to expect any further supply, so are

unavoidably oblig'd to press on your Excellency the necessity of an ample supply for our future occasions, as well as to return Mr Warren the quantity borrow'd of him. Our large mortar is burst, & another of the 42 pounders in the advanc'd battery at the West Gate, that can your Excellency be prevail'd wth to spare the large mortar from the Castle, I beg it may be immediately forwarded, wth shells suitable thereto, and a good substantial bed; the trifling quantity of 80 shells sent with that mortar we had the misfortune to burst were of too little consequence for such a siege as we are engag'd in, as wth proper tendance on the mortar the whole might been thrown in ab^t^ 24 hours. And the whole quantity of powder short of a quarter part of the supply the emergency required, and according to the present view I have of things the enemy will defend the town to the last extremity, & in return your Excellency may depend we shall as vigourously push on our parts; we have made many essays for an attack on the Island Battery, in the last of wch ab^t^ 400 of the army were detach'd for that purpose, but by the strength of that fortress, & the advantage the enemy had of us by their being under cover, & our men quite open & expos'd, we were repuls'd with the loss of near half our party, either kill'd, drown'd, or taken prisoners, that I apprehend no further attempts will be made on that fortress by boats; since this misfortune the enemy have doubled their fire on our trenches at the West Gate, but to no great advantage on their part, we keeping our ground there. I have posted a large detachm^t^ for defence of the works, & to prevent a sally that might be of ill consequence to us. The advanc'd battery, tho' but 200 or 250 yards from the wall, would have been 'en now carry'd much nearer but that the want of ammunition & able gunners discourag'd us from it. Capt Gayton arriv'd here the [*blank*] ult^o^. Understand that the Commodore proposes his speedy

return to Boston with prisoners, &c. Rous is going to Annapolis by the Commodore's orders, to know the state of that fortress. I wrote by him for the loan of mortars, &c., allso to desire Mr Cowley's service here, in neither of which, as I am told, there is much prospect of my being gratified, as it's not impossible, notwithstanding the close blockade of this place, that y^r^ may have a visit from the enemy this summer. Commodore Warren's squadron has some days since been join'd by the Princess Mary & Hector; and on the morrow by the assistance of 600 men I have ordered him out of the army & transports, wch upon Com^re^ Warren's repeated solicitations my Council advised to, as necessary for his Maj^s^ service, wch will have the addition of a fine French prize ship of 64 guns, wch in my last I inform'd your Excellency he was then engag'd with, so that I hope he will be able effectually to support the blockade by sea. By that prize we learn that another ship of like force is daily expected here with three store ships from France, wch hope will fall into his hands, wch if he is able to man her, and the Newfoundland ships join the squadron, hope shall be safe at all events in that quarter, but for the land service we are inferiour in number to any account of the enemy's forces, whose not sallying on us hitherto must be owing to their apprehension of our being much more formidable than we are. We have ab^t^ 1500 sick & wounded men, from whom have little prospect of service, so that a reinforcem^t^ of near 3000 men is absolutely necessary. Should we be so happy as to reduce this formidable place before their arrival, they will notwithstanding be most of them necessary to sustain the town, the Royall & Island Batterys, untill his Maj^y^ takes the same under the charge of his troops. I have heard nothing of Smithurst since his being in bad weather on his passage from St Ann's. If he is well he must be at Boston long before this can reach your hands.

No ship has got into Louisbourg since my last. There is a French ship of 30 & another of 26 guns cruizing between this & Cape Sables, for want of an entry into this port. Wish it were in my power without prejudice to the siege to promote any of the ships of war going for protection of the New Engd coast. We are now erecting a battery on the light house point to play on the Island Battery, & prevent the entrance of any French ships into the port, wch hope in two days will be ready for service. Here I purpose to have planted all Bosch's cannon in addition to what 18 pounders of the enemy's we have found in the N. Et harbour. Some scouts wch I ordered out five days since met wth the party of 100 men of the enemy mention'd in my last, who were then joined by some of the inhabitants & about 80 Indians; after an obstinate fight of above 4 hours we defeated the enemy, & pursued them abt an hour after, when night coming on and our men havg spent all their ammunition & provisions, having three or four men slain and 30 wounded (two of whom are since dead), return'd bringing in only one prisoner, tho' they took all the enemy's knapsacks & provisns and seven shallops they were abt to imbark in for Louisbourg. The next day two detachmts, chiefly of the same scout, renew'd their pursuit from the Royall Battery, who return'd in abt 18 hours, with 12 prisoners, having found many of the enemy dead & wounded. By these prisoners' accounts we kill'd & wounded of the enemy's party in the first engagemt upwards of 40 men; among the latter their leader De Beau Bassin was one, whether he has reach'd Louisbourg by boats undr cover of the night or not is yet uncertain. By a fresh scout out yesterday morning expect to see some further number of the scattered enemy, or that the scout will fall in wth some new party, wch by the prisons we understand are expected from Bay Verte, Mines, Checkenecta, and St Johns. I have been waiting wth four of my Council for

several days past to have an interview wth Commodore Warren, at his desire, on board his ship, but fogs & bad weather hitherto prevent our meeting. If it be possible to settle wth him a general attack it will be done; but should the event be heavy on the land forces we shall be only able to act the defensive part for a while by cover of the ships, without a considerable reinforcem^t^ from our province & our neighbouring provinces & colonies, who had too mean thoughts of the strength, and I wish they may not yet of the consequence, of this place to his Maj^s^ Northern Colonies and all his dominions. I had in due time your Excellency's favours of 10 & 17th ult^o^. Whether Col^o^ M^c^Donalds will come on shoar to join our forces, or enter the town by boats from the men of war is not yet settled. As to dismiss^g^ any of the cruizers, I fear it may at present be attended wth great inconvenience. I shall advise with Commodore Warren, & endeav^r^ that these be not kept longer than their service be of more consequence to the province than their pay wch is exhorbitant. Donahew, as I understand, is gone for Boston without any directions from me, and ordered the prizes & prisoners from Canso. I wish they may be all well. We have ab^t^ 200 shells of 13 inches yet by us, found at the Royall Battery, but the engineers say they're something too large for the mortar bro^t^ wth us. I propose to send this under Rous's convoy to Cape Sables. I shall write y^r^ Excellency again by Capt Gayton. In the mean time, I am, your Excellency's, &c.

W. P.

_To his Excellency, &c., &c., &c.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Majesty's Service. To the Hon. William Pepperrell, Esq., L' Gen' & Commander in Chief of the Land Forces in the present Expedition at the Camp on Cape Breton ℣ Cap' Bennet.

CANSO, June 2d, 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE Y^R^ HON^R^, — Since the 27th ins^t^, when I wrote y^r^ Hon^r^ by Capt Newmarch, I have only to acquaint y^r^ Hon^r^ that on Tuesday last Capt Beckett sailed eastward without my knowledge or consent, & was absent till yesterday, being, as he says, all the time off at sea. I can't think it safe for him, or in any measure serviceable for ye expedition, y^t^ he should go to sea without a larger complement of men, — he having but thirty-one men on board. But he might be very serviceable to this place in assisting me with a transport to procure such ranging timber and other materials as are necessary for compleating the works here. I have inclosed the square partly with picketts & partly with plank, which will serve for ye present, & have compleated a barrack that will serve for one company. But have not timber to go on with the other barrack, unless I can be assisted & have liberty to go with a few of my people to some adjacent island; & Capt Marshall's company will be obliged to lodge without the garrison till another barrack can be erected. I must acquaint y^r^ Hon^r^ that no provisions have arrived from Boston since I wrote, & I have now but one week's allowance of provisions for ye troops posted here, nor any supply of ammunition. Y^r^ Hon^r^ can't think I can be easy in this situation, nor that the troops can be kept to duty in such danger of wantings. I shall be obliged to put the troops to half allowance of provisions, & have not above two days' allowance of rum, nor any can I procure, nor have any vessell sufficient to carry off ye troops in case of their being reduced to a condition of starving. I must begg y^r^ Hon^r^ would have

some compassion upon the troops, if y^r^ Hon^r^ dos not think me worthy of my meat; for as common soldiers generally place all misfortunes to the accompt of their officers I dread the consequence of stopping any part of their allowance, which I am obliged to, for fear of being wholly without before a new supply can be had. I was left with only a fortnight's provisions when y^r^ Hon^r^ sailed from hence, & that quantity was reduced to five days' allowance before I received any supply, & being limited by y^r^ Hon^r's^ order, I derst take no more out of the transports than one month's allowance, which stock is now again expended to seven days' provision, & I don't see what course I can possibly take for a supply. I wrote my case by Capt Newmarch à week ago, but have receiv'd no answer. Capt Bennet arrived this afternoon in 6 days from Boston, but has no stores, except for his vessell; nor can I hear of any other vessell like to touch in hither, unless it be one bound for Newfoundland, from whence I can demand nothing, by y^r^ Hon^r's^ order, should she be ever so fully freighted with provisions. Therefore once more repeat my earnest request for a supply of provisions & ammunition for these troops & for

Y^r^ Hon^r's^ humb. serv^t^.

AMMI RUH. CUTTER.

To Genl PEPPERRELL.

P. S. By great importunity I have obtained of Capt Bennet half a hogshead of bread & two barr^l^ of pork, & hope it will not be long before I have a better supply.

A. R. C.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 3^d^ June, 1745.

SIR, — By the journal of the French brigg taken yesterday by Captain Montagu I find that the 27th last month,

their stile, they saw eight sail of ships, steering the same course that they did, two of them, he says in his journal seem'd to him to be King's ships; as it is not improbable but they may be French I will keep a good look out for them, and cou'd wish the Vigilant mann'd and with me.

I am pleas'd with Mr Shirley's letter, as he seems determin'd to continue supplying us with every thing necessary for carrying on the expedition, and that he has secur'd 700 barrels of powder lately arriv'd in Adams, for that purpose. As there is so much less on board the Vigilant then wee expected, and as the squadron are mostly so short as not to be able to spare you any, wont it be proper to send immediately for such a supply of powder and all other necessarys, ammunition, provision, and, indeed, men as you shall judge sufficient, for if any overpluss be left, shou'd wee be so luckey to take the place, it will be wanted as stores there? and if otherwise, which God forbid, any remains may be carried back.

I have 360 twenty-two pound shott, brought me by Gayton, which fitts none of our cannon. You may have them with the 500 eighteen pounders mention'd before. I cou'd wish all the squadron better supply'd with ammunition.

I sent Mr Louring in last night to hurry the landing of the cannon from Bush, and I long much to see them play on the Island Battery, as I believe it will have a good effect, both in annoying that and preventing any vessells getting in that may escape us by fogs or any other accidents.

I am inform'd Babasine, after being wounded by our people got into the town in a shallop at night. If so many necessarys of all kinds may & no doubt will be introduc'd into the garrison, greatly prejudicial to our design, therefore give me leave once more to recommend a couple of good guard boats about and under the point of the light house, for 'tis impossible in such foggs as wee

P. S. I have sent but 7 barrells of powder, 100–9^{lb} shott, & [*blank*] of patridge shott to Canso, and notwithstanding what I have wrote within, and to the Commodore for the protection of the fort there, wch would doubtless be exceedingly agreeable to the King, Ministry, & people of England, and an exceeding great honour to your command and the army, yet if it sh^{d} be necessary by a Council of Warr to abandon it, and y^{t} the protection of it would too much weaken the forces before Louisburg, I leave it to your discretion either to protect or abandon it. If the former (wch I should be glad of) you will send it whatever further supplies of stores and men and whatever else may be wanted by 'em. I have desir'd the Commodore to send a cruizer sufficient for their protection, and to give you his sentiments upon the affair. I have wrote to him the motives wch induc'd me to fortifye Canso; so he may alter his mind concerning that affair, as he was before ignorant of my motives for doing it.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Maj^{y} Service. To Lieutenant General Peperell, &c^{a}, &c^{a}, &c^{a}.

SUPERB, OFF CHAPEROUGE BAY, ye 4th June, 1745.

SIR, — I this moment rec^{d} the inclosed from Governour Shirley, and think it will be absolutely necessary to send Ting and the Road Island ship imediatly to Annapolis. Pray send me y^{r} sentiments upon it, and I will prepare orders for them to proceed directly. The sloop taken last night is laden with flower and provision from Quebeck; has letters of ye 4th June, their stile, which say y^{t} they have heard from Indians y^{t} an armament was preparing at New England to attack Lewisburg, but they don't seem to believe it, but say they are surprized they have not heard from hence nor France this spring. I am much Y^{r}.

P. WARREN.

After you have read, send me the letters.

Fletcher in as an additional guard vessell, and have order'd Captain Gayton to take sixty prisoners out of the vessells in the Bay, to lessen as much as possible their fears there. I think to send him soon to Boston, and I really think if wee cou'd take all Snelling's men out to fifty, and send him with Gayton, which will be an ease to the great expence of the Province, and will ease us of a good number of prisoners, who are not only troublesome and dangerous here, but are eating our provisions apace, & I think Snelling's men wou'd be more serviceable in our ships then in his. Please to let me know your sentiments on this, and I will give directions accordingly. I am, with great regard, S^{r},

Y^{r} most obed^{t} humb^{e} servant.

P. WARREN.

P. S. I am greatly surpriz'd wee hear nothing of Smythers.

Lt General PEPPERELL, &c.

DECISION OF A COUNCIL OF WAR.*

At a Council of Warr held on board his Majesty's Ship Superbe, off Lewisbourg the 3^{d} June, 1745.

Present:	PETER WARREN, Esq.	General PEPPERELL
	Capt. CALMADY	Brigad^{r} WALDO
	" DOUGLASS	Brigad^{r} DWIGHT
	" TIDDEMAN	Coll. MOOR
	" MONTAGU	Coll. BROADSTREET
		Coll. BURR

Resolv'd that for the manning the Vigilant, the Road Island ship and snow, also the Mullinox, be sent to New England, and that the sailors belonging to the respective ships, saving only forty in each, be apply'd to this service, that the said ships take under their convoy such trans-

* The signatures to the vote are all autographs. — EDS.

ports as the General finds necessary to be sent to New England, for the bringing a reinforcement of men and a further supply of ammunition and other necessarys; the said ships and transports to carry with them so many of the prisoners as they can accomodate and secure.

P. WARREN	Wm PEPPERRELL
W. CALMADY	S. WALDO
JAMES DOUGLAS	J. DWIGHT
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	" MONTAGU	Coll. BROADSTREET
		Coll^{l} BURR

Resolv'd that his Majesty's service requires that the Road Island sloop Tarter, Captain Fones master, be retain'd in the service 'till further orders, and the said master is hereby directed to attend Commodore Warren's directions accordingly.

P. WARREN	Wm PEPPERRELL
W. CALMADY	S. WALDO
JAMES DOUGLAS	J. DWIGHT
RICH^{D} TIDDEMAN	SAM^{L} MOORE
W. MONTAGU	AND^{W} BURR
	JN^{O} BRADSTREET

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* This decision is written on a separate sheet of paper, apparently after the adoption of the preceding resolution, and is also attested by the signatures of the members of the Council. — EDS.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, June 3, 1745.

SIR, — I had the pleasure of receiving your packet of the 19th, 20th, & 23d of May, giving me an account of your transporting your eight cannon of 22lb shott, & erecting a second battery within 200 yards of the west part of the town, both which I acknowledge are beyond my own expectations, thô I thought it prudent to send the two trains of artillery. I am very sensible of the extreme difficulty and fatigue wch must have attended the execution of these two things, wch are very considerable points gain'd agt the enemy, and I hope such a breach will be soon made in their gate and works as may afford an entrance by assault into that part of the town, when it shall be thought advisable to make one upon it, wch whenever it is done I could wish it might be in conjunction with the sea forces entring the harbour and attacking the town on that side, rather yn by an assault by land only, wth the assistance of 1500 seamen landing for that purpose, as the Commodore proposes (wth your consent), in case upon a General Council of land and sea officers it shall be thought not adviseable for the ships to enter the harbour, wch I should think could not have been a question in the least had the Island Battery been taken. But I don't perceive you mention a tittle concerning that scheme, whether any attempt has been made or it is intirely dropt. If the latter I doubt not from the whole tenour of your conduct but it has been done for prudent reasons on your part. I now send you 105 long fuses for the large shells, 600 granado shells, 91–18lb & 25–9lb shot, 4 hogsheads of charcoal, and shall send the cohorn shells and 11 inch shells wth longer fuses & 20 shot & more 18lb shott by the next opportunity. I did not doubt in my own mind but yt your powder would fall short of your demand for it, therefore sent 50 barrells by Gayton,

and 50 more by Donahew, both wch I hope you have by this time receiv'd; and I determin'd to have sent 100 barrells by Smith, the bearer. But as the Commodore has taken a large store of powder, it is thought more adviseable y^t^ you should be supply'd from that whatever quantities you may want, and y^t^ the governm^t^ should pay the captors the market price for it, wch I have begg'd the favour of the Commodore to comply with, and doubt not but he will upon your application to him. I congratulate you upon his taking the Vigilant, wch I am endeavouring to get mann'd from hence with the utmost dispatch, if possible to be done. This is an heavy blow indeed upon the enemy, and I hope may be follow'd with one or two captures soon of the same nature.

I appriz'd you in my last y^t^ the governm^t^ of Connecticutt was raising 200 more men, and our Genl Court has voted 400 more. I shall strain hard for 500. Rhode Island has voted 150 more; and the New Hampshire sets to-day. The Jerseys has voted 2000^ll^ in provisions, and another subscription is on foot at York. But the men is the material article, wch I shall hurry away with the utmost dispatch, but can't send 'em 'till some of our cruizers and transports arrive here from you, wch pray let us have. I am in some pain for Smethurst, as also least the 800 French and Indians wch were lately besieging the garrison at Annapolis Royal should surprize either Canso, or come by surprize on the back of our army before Louisburg, or get into the town. For preventing the first I think one of our 20 gun cruizers at least should be a guard to Canso, if not a detachment of 50 men at least, or 100 if possible to be spared, orderd to it, and a very good look-out kept by our cruizers round the island. I suppose Mr Bastide is arriv'd with you by this time, with the Assistant Engineer Combrune, his master smith, and two good gunners from Annapolis Royal. They set sail the 27th of May, and inform me y^t^ the siege was rais'd the

that her whole soul is taken up in thinking upon you, and wishing for you safe return. I shall do all in my power to divert her mind, and make her chearful and pleasant. Shee is in a better state of health y^{n} I expected to find her, and nothing is wanting to render her happy but your presence.

I need not tell you I sincerely love you, and wth my whole soul desire your protection and speedy return wth tryumph and glory. I am

Your affectionate brother.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

BOSTON, June 4th, 1745.

My wife and all friends, particularly Mr Flynt, desire to be remembred to you.

SAMUEL RHODES TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honourable Wm Pepperil, Esqr. These p Mr Hill.

H^{ble} SIR, — I have several times heard that my company was to be ordered into a detachm^{t} under Coll. Richmond; at length I have heard it from Brigad^{r} Waldo. If y^{r} Hon^{r} will excuse my freedom, I shall be glad. If I err, upon the first notice of it, I shall be ready to retract. The troops in this Battery have been harrassed with marches into the country beyond what you may imagine. It has frequently happened upon the return of a party three quarters of them have been fatigued, so that they could scarsely walk; a particular accoũt of these marches & the duty afterwards done upon guard, together with their bringing provisions from the camp, must necessarily convince y^{r} Hon^{r} that some respite is due to them. If my company may not be quartered here you'l do me a favour in putting them into some other detachment. I have not the least inclination to be put under Coll. Richmond. A difference has happened between us, and ten

men out of his regiment that he was ordered to draft has not yet been given to me. Neither did he use me well in that affair, he affirming that the order was contrary to an act of the General Court at Boston, & that asserting upon the back of that before y^r^ Hon^r^ a fact which from the circumstance of time could not possibly be true. However, I am a soldier and as such I would at present touch upon that point tenderly. Y^r^ Hon^r^ will do me a favour to consider one moment how many Coll. I have been detached under, & how I came to be regimented as I was without ever being asked ye question, since in my life I never asked for a comission. At Canso I was told I belonged to Coll. Moulton's regiment; then I was by order in a detachment under a New Hampshire officer. The day we landed I adhered strickly to my orders from Coll. Noble, & had every other officer done the same Monsieur Morpain & his infantry had every soul of them fallen into our hands; that night I was intirely left to myself, nor did I pitch upon quarters until long within night, after which I was under no manner of regulation, nor had I any field officer that laid the least claim to me. In this situation like a dirilict was I; when Collonel Broadstreet was detached to this quarter to be under him, I in a manner begged. Since that, Brigadier Waldo has been my officer & here, from whose command I have received the utmost satisfaction. I receiv'd an odd shock; during the time I smarted through the ignorance of some fellows upon the platform. Coll. Moulton came into these lines, he never came to see me; neither had I the least refreshment from him, no more than if I had been a Turk (nor even a soldier with a compliment from him). All which I resent & reflect upon wth a just indignation, since I am a voluntier and a gentleman, nor do I value my life where my country's interest demands the risk of it. Under y^r^ Hon^r^ I act with pride; and when I am ordered under the inspection of a person who from the bottom of

my soul I can't esteem, I have nobody to apply to but y^r^ Hon^r^, & in case you don't ease me in this point I don't care one farthing if the next minute I am shot through the head. If I must act in that detachment & see notable blunders according to my conception of things, I am certain I shall bring myself into trouble, which I hope y^r^ Hon^r^ would put me out of the way off. I would at all events avoid giving y^r^ Hon^r^ trouble, since I know well the great charge you sustain, but my resentment of the ill usage I have had stimulates me to that degree that I could no longer remain & be silent. Nevertheless if the excess of passion which irritates me, if I say one single thing that y^r^ Hon^r's^ great judgement condemns, I pray your pardon, & will for the future be as mute as if I had been born dumb.

I have the honour to subscribe myself, with the greatest submission and respect, H^ble^ Sir,

Your most humble & most obed^t^ serv^t^.

S. RHODES.

FROM THE GRAND BATTERY, June the 5th, 1745.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

CAMP, June 5th, 1745.

S^r^, — I have sent off to you a French soldier who deserted from the garrison last night, whose intelligence, if to be rely'd on, must needs be of service for us to know. My Council are of opinion that an express be sent to the Duke of Newcastle to give an acc^t^ of our present scituation, and desire that it may be done in conjunction wth you if you approve thereof. I have ordered the transports designd for Boston to repair to Capt Gayton for sailing orders, he having this morning inform'd me it was agreable to your directions to him. Agreable to what you mention'd to me I have ordered Piscataqua guard sloop with 50 land men on board to lay

at anchor as close as may be wth safety to the harbour's mouth, wth some boats, in order to intercept small vessells going in, especially in the night; am told that the sloop from Canada wou'd have got in if Bosch and a schooner had not been near the point landing the guns. I have ordered a large cable and anchor to be carried out of the North East Harbour for her to ride by. As taking the men for this service out of our land forces weakens our camp, should be glad, if you think proper that the Rhode Island sloop or Connecticut guard sloop be ordered there in her stead as soon as conveniently may be.

Y^rs^, &c.

To the Honble Commodore, &c. W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

CAMP, June 5th, 1745. ℔ Capt Gayton.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — Inclos'd herewith are copys of mine p^r^ Giddins, who sail'd from hence 3^d^ inst. Just upon his departure came to hand your Excellency's favour ℔ Bennet, the contents of wch I carefully observe. Since, I have had an opportunity to confer wth Commodore Warren on board his ship; he is not satisfy'd of the expediency of his ships' attempting to go into the harbour 'till some further execution be done against the enemy's batterys, for wch reason we jointly determin'd not to draw off the 600 men propos'd in order to man the Vigilant, as mention'd to your Excellency, but to man her out of Snelling and the Rhode Island ship & snow, & send them home to New Eng^d^, leav^s^ on board each 40 men. I have just now advice from Annapolis by Mr Bastide, who is come down here to assist us, that the French & Indians drew off from thence the 24th ult^o^, being call'd away by an express sent from Louisbourg, upon which news Col^o^ Bradstreet, by my

desire, is gone on board Commodore Warren to concert measures for intercept^{s} them before they land on this island, if possible. By a sloop from Quebeck wth provissions for Louisbourg taken some days since by the fleet, we have an acc^{t} by letters dated the 4th June, N. S., that some Indians had inform'd the Canadians that an armam^{t} was preparing in New Eng^{d} against Louisbourg, but that it was not credited there; hope their incredulity will continue some time longer. Last night a French soldier deserted from the garrison to us, who informs me as foll^{s}, that there are in the town of Louisbourg and Island Battery 3,600 men that bear arms, 7 or 800 of wch are soldiers; that they have provissions sufficient to last them 'till next Sepr or Oc^{r}; that they have considerable of ammunition; that 116 of our men were taken prisoners at the attack of the Island Battery; that the enemy judg'd variously of our numbers, some saying we were 10,000 men, some 6,000; that one of our prisoners informd them that we had 4,500 men; that the enemy have burst one of their mortars and several cannon; that they are prepar'd every night to receive an attack on all parts of the town; that the guards prevent deserters; that if their ships are taken they expect to surrender after some time longer; that they don't apprehend our ships will venture into the harbour; that Beau Bassin is return'd wth 12 of his party; that there would have been more soldiers at Louisbourg but that an engineer who went last fall to France informed the ministry there that women were sufficient to defend it by land. I have sent him to Commodore Warren. I have orderd 14 of the Massachusetts transports to Boston, under convoy of Capt Gayton; propose also to send up Bosch wth prisoners, and as he is on great wages, and not likely to be of any particular service, immagine your Excellency will dismiss him. Smethurst is yet missing. The two Frenchmen who came down wth me as pilots being

desirous to return, and as our men are now well acquainted wth the woods I have sent them up, and in justice to them must say they seem to have behav'd very faithfully. The Penobscot Indian who came wth Mr Bean in Bennet shall have all suitable respect and kindness shewn him; hope the reducing this place will be the means of engaging all the tribes of Indians now in the French service in a firm alliance wth us. One of our scouts is return'd with 17 prisoners. I find that keeping out scouts has been serviceable in terrifying and dispersing some party of the enemy which otherwise by joining each other might have prov'd troublesome to us. I immagine it will be necessary in order to give weight to my letters to the Ministry at home that Commodore Warren joins in the acc^t^ given of our scituation, & have propos'd it to him, and hourly expect his answer. Donahew is gone some days since to cruize in the Gut of Canso in company wth Becket. I am, wth the greatest respect,

Y^r^ Exc^y^ most humb. & ob^t^ serv^t^.

W. P.

To his Excellency, Govr SHIRLEY, &c.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 6 June, 1745.

SIR, — I receiv'd your favour of the 5th late last night, with one from Mr Basteed, who was then with me, and had before sent you a letter from Governour Mascarreen, which he says informs you that the French & Indians, Canadeans, to the number of about seven hundred, had rais'd the blockade of Annopolis upon orders to go to the assistance of Lewisbourg by way of the Bay Vert. I hope they wont be able to get into the garrison.

I am oblig'd to you for the French deserter, but as yet Mr Basteed nor myself can't learn much from him. I shall be glad to know what intelligence you have procur'd

from him, that by comparing it with what he may give me I may be a judge of his veracity.

I am both ready and very willing to joyn with you in any representation to the Duke of Newcastle, or elsewhere, that can contribute to our main design of reducing the garrison and cou'd wish we cou'd give him strong hopes of success. I think wee shou'd not raise them too high, because if wee do, and shou'd afterwards be so unfortunate as not to succeed, which God forbid, it wou'd only add to the disappointment. If you please to send me a rough copy of what you propose, I will give you my opinion upon it candidly and to the best of my judgment, for as I must write at the same time to the Lords of the Admiralty, I shou'd be glad our accounts shou'd correspond, as you know the situation you are in on shore better than I can.

Mr Basteed's coming I look upon as a very happy event, and as the blockade of Annopolis is rais'd, no doubt but Rouse, Tyng, & Thompson who were sent to the protection of that garrison will soon return & very likely bring the mortar, if you have wrote for it.

I will as soon as possible order the Road Island sloop to lie as near the harbour's mouth as she can, and relieve Bush, as I think it of the greatest consequence.

I believe it wou'd not be amiss to send some arm'd vessells to lye at Cancoa till all apprehensions of the French and Indians touching there in their way from Annopolis is over.

Wee have had no cruizer here but the Connecticut and Road Island sloops and Fletcher in the Bay, guarding the prisoners. 430 of them will now go with Gayton, vizt, 220 in his own ship, Snelling 150, Griffith 60, besides two in each transport that you please to send.

I will beg the favour of Mr Basteed to reconoitre the garrison and town, as well as possible, on the harbour side, and to give me his sentiments thereupon.

I have great hopes of success which I know will make you as happy as it will, Sir,

Y^r^ most obed^t^ & most humb. serv^t^.

P. WARREN.

P. S. Collonel Broadstreet, to whom I refer you for particulars, will inform you that I have dispatch'd the Connecticut sloop to the Gutt of Cancoa.

To Lieut. General PEPPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

CAMP, June 7th, 1745, via Annapolis.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — Upon the advice that Annapolis was besieg'd Commodore Warren immediately dispatcht there Capt Tyng and Thompson, having before, upon the schooner's return wth his packet undelivered, sent Rous to see the state of that garrison, and upon advice from Governour Mascarene by Mr Bastide that the enemy was drawn off he has dispatcht a schooner to recall the ships, and has ordered Rous to Boston to receive your Excellency's further commands for the service of the expedition, he being a person whose activity and good conduct we have great confidence in and expectations from. The reason of ordering back the ships and not sending home the Connecticut sloop agreable to your Excellency's desire is that as it was necessary, if possible, to intercept that party of French & Indians from Annapolis before they land on this island, Commodore Warren dispatcht the Rhode Island sloop to join Donahew and Becket in the Gut of Canso; and as Smithurst is missing, and Capt Gayton wth Snelling & the Rhode Island snow are obligd to go to New Eng^d^ wth the prisoners, it is impossible to spare any more of the cruizers at present w^thout^ hazard of great inconvenience

ships, with all the men of war's boats, except one to a ship, and all the other boats that can be musterd everywhere, who shou'd, with the whale boats, shallops, &ca., in Lewisbourg harbour already, be got ready with the ladders in them, to come on board our ships, upon my signal for that purpose, in order to assist in manning them from our ships and landing upon the town if thought necessary. As I propose to attempt this, God willing, the first fair opportunity of wind and weather after the ships joyn us, I think it will be necessary for you to form your disposition for attacking the town by land when wee do by our ships, and that you may know when I am determind to go in, and the wind is fair, and I expect to get in the same day, I will hoist a Dutch flagg under my pendant at the main top gall^{t} masthead, and wish you cou'd then show me that you were ready with your troops by making three smoaks. I wou'd if I cou'd get in before noon. You will see by all our ships furling the greatest part of their sails that wee are getting ready to go in. Your people shou'd march when I hoist the Dutch flagg, and when they see most of our sails furl'd they shou'd approach near the town, drums beating and colours flying, and when I hoist a red flagg on the flag staff at my fore topgallant masthead, you may then be assur'd, I shall be in and begin the attack in a quarter or half an hour at farthest after. In the mean time till all our ships do arrive it will no doubt be very proper to annoy the Island Battery as much as possible from the light house, and the Circular Battery from any other you have most convenient for that purpose.

I shall be very glad to see you, Mr Bastead, Broadstreet, and any other of the gentlemen of your Council before wee begin this attack, in order to settle any other plan and signals that may be thought proper. I congratulate you on our present prospect of success, which I think very great; therefore hope soon to keep a good house

together, and give the ladys of Lewisbourg a gallant ball. This reinforcement shows how much the people at home have the success of this expedition at heart. My orders are in one of the missing ships. I am, with great regard, S^{r},

Y^{r} most obedient, humb. serv^{t}.

P. WARREN.

P. S. I want a vessell for each of the ships to carry their spare top-masts, &c., ashore.

Lt General PEPPERILL, &c.

SAMUEL RHODES TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

The Honourable William Pepperil, Esqr.

GRAND BATTERY, June 12th, 1745.

S^{R}, — You'l do me a favour if you permitt me to send twenty of my men to work at the new battery by the light house, where I can in conjunction with Capt Mason frequently assist. I assure y^{r} Honour that a good battery with ten cannon at that place will prevent the French rascals at the Island Battery from peeping above their parapet. Nature has half done the work. The situation and the slope of the rocks are such that you wou'd be pleased to see. Yesterday I waited upon Brigadier Waldo there and throwed about one dz. shot right into the Island Battery, but one shot missing. Monsieur grew silent. I am with great respect,

Y^{r} dutifull servant.

S. RHODES.

P. S. — A brother of mine has this minute told me that a representation has been made to y^{r} Honour of my keeping ten men to wait upon me; the truth of which is that three men of my company has constantly attented the shallop which passes from hence to Commdre. Warren, &

are now fitting sails for a schooner. Those men I pitched upon at the request of Shipman, being bold fellows. They have been approved by my officer here. Some country fellows that was in that shallop, when she was one night passing ye Island Battery upon the appearing of a light there throwed down their oars & wou'd not pull until a cloud covered the moon, when one of them took courage, and s'd Providence had created that cloud to cover them. Two brave men of mine are here, one wounded in the arm, out of which have been drawn 2 ps's of iron, the other wounded in the thigh. One other man is here who lately came on shore from the transport where I left him at our landing, and to this minute can but just stir with swelled legs. The famous Pussar once thought a dangerous man, & for that reason was ordered on board Rowse, is here & never has done duty. One Dowing of my company made a scavenger by my officer; he can't load a gun, and these are the men that wait upon me. I beg y^r^ Honour's pardon, and am vel ut supra.

RHODES.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Maj. Service. To Lieut' General Pepperell, &c.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 12 June, 1745.

SIR, — I have this moment been joyn'd by the Sunderland, Canterbury, & Lark; the last they met with, and the ordnance storeship for Anapolis, a few days ago, and judg'd it proper to bring her here. She has powder, and, I believe, cannon on board. I shall be glad to have your opinion as to her detention here till our affair is over. For God sake hurry off the men, and I will go in the moment the wind will allow us. I am, S^r^,

Y^r^ most obedient, humb^e^ servant.

P. WARREN.

Lt General PEPPERELL, &c.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Maj. Service. To Lieut. General Pepperell, &c.

SUPERBE, OFF LEWISBOURG, the 12 June, 1745.

SIR, — As it will be of the greatest consequence to barrocade our ships well against the enemy's small shott, I desire you will please to employ as many men as you can spare in getting a schooner load or two of moss for that purpose. Please send the cohorns and shells off as soon as possible. I am, S^r^,

Y^r^ most obed. humble servant.

P. WARREN.

P. S. I have orderd you 50 barr^s^ of powder more from the squadron.

Lieut General PEPPERELL, &c.

SAMUEL WALDO TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — Notwithstanding what I said yesterday to Col^o^ Gorham & wrote him this morning his people are this moment going on with the building houses on the back of the hills, where I affirm, if I am not void of all reason & judgment, they can't be of the least service or any possible security to the proposed light house battery. He is gone to y^r^ Hon^r^ to give answer to the letter I wrote him, and to complain of a very great grievance I have offerd him to take a scooner as he calls it out of his hands to send Comodore Warren by one Shipman as the Comodore desired. The reason he opposes this being done is that the world will say he was affraid to carry her out himself, and that he may loose a benefit he proposed of her going to the Isle Sables to fetch live stock. Either one or the other can't, I think, be consistant with the office of Col^o^ Gorham at such a juncture, but upon the whole as so great

a clamour has been raised about a scooner, wch by his only caulking her decks (all other work was done before) he claims a right, & can have no other challenge to merrit or intrest in her, save that of taking her from this to the other side the water without leave or any previous notice given.

I shall stop any proceedings on this head, thô probably her detention may be some disappointment to the Comodore, till I know your pleasure, thô this Mr Shipman has been a very active fellow by land as well as sea & the Comodore has promised the boon of 50 gall^n^ rum for his carrying her out of the harbour, for which purpose he has by my assistance furnished her with sails, & by the Comodore's twine, &c., for repairing them. I have no intrest in the matter but the view of the publick service.

I should have waited on y^r^ Hon^r^ instead of this but I apprehend my presence here at this time will be more beneficiall. I shall wait on you in the morning, meanwhile I am with all possible respect, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ most obed^t^ & obl^d^ serv^t^.

S. WALDO.

ROYALL BATTERY, 12 June, 1745.

We have found 17 shallops fitt for service. For whale boats Col^o^ Gorham says thirty is the number.

The Honble Gen^ll^ PEPPERRELL.

SAMUEL WALDO TO JOHN GORHAM.*

ROYALL BATTERY, 12th June, 1745.

COL^o^ GORHAM, — I shewed you yesterday the Generall's orders to me about the proposed works on your side the water, and according thereto directed where you should

* Lieut.-Col. John Gorham was the son of Col. Shubael Gorham, and served under his father at Louisbourg, succeeding to the command of the regiment on the death of his father. He was born at Yarmouth Dec. 12, 1709; served in the first council of Nova Scotia; and died in 1751 or 1752. See Coll. Nova Scotia Hist. Soc., vol. ii. pp. 26–28. — EDS.

intrench and build barracks, &c., but contrary to such direction you persist in your own scheem of inclosing a piece of ground larger than the circumference of all Louisbourg. If you have no regard to what I said to you & your father on this head, you ought not in an affair of this sort to act any further without the Generall's direction, and as I shall fully acquaint him of the little consequence of my own power derived from his imediate order, as well as of the comission I have the honour to bear, from your presuming to go on with a worke I forbid to be done, so I shall also fully acquaint him of the particular reasons I gave you against your executing your present purposes of fortifying & building. I am, S^{r},

Yo^{r} friend & serv^{t}.

S. WALDO.

I have just now a letter from the Generall, in which he comands the shallops & whale boats be forthwith putt into repair, the oars, paddles, & ladders ready & fitted to them. Pray where are the latter, & have you gott the whale boats repaird, and what number is there of them? & if not now when will they be fitt for service? Yo^{r} answer to these enquirys lett me have by the bearer, that I may transmitt them to the Generall forthwith. I shall give you no trouble about the shallops, but have another dependance.

JOHN GORHAM TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

LIGHT HOUSE BATTREY, June 13, 1745.

HON^{D} S^{R}, — This coms to aquaint your Honour that we shall be fulfilling your Honour's order about the men to goe on board the men of warr and fixing whale boats up. As for shallops they are none near this battrey, and Brigad^{r} Waldo wrights he will take ye cair of the shallops, and as for the men's names that dyed here, that was killed att the Island Battrey, it was impossible we could

know the men ; but I ordred all the things that was saved to be put up for those that might claime them, and accordingly they was delivered unto men that claimed them, all that was worth carying away, besides sundry things of our owne that was carryed away that they claimed ; and as for any spair guns we never had more att a time fit for servis then was in use, for we lost severall guns the last engagment, and as for French peaces I never heard of but too y^{t} this regiment took, and we had many poore guns not fitt for use, and cannot easely get them mended, but by your Honour's often sending about French guns I suppose some unk[n]owne person haith informed your Honnour of some falshoods about them, as well as about all other affairs relating to this regiment, as there is scarse any thing that is bad but what we have been reputed to have been gilty of, whitch falshoods have been so spread that they are even by many belived to be truths that we are even a derision to the rabble of this army, an instance of whitch I met with last night in coming home, being stoped by a man of Capt Goolding's company because I knew not the watch word and went in to the Captain, and after mutch time awaked him and informed him of my name and place and where I was bound, but I was called by him a lyar and a coward and sundry sutch provoking speaches from some of his men in the dark, but after some time I was by a file of musketears caryed before Coll. Richmond, but could have no redress, but got my liberty and so stayed theere untill this morning, and then got over, but I called and could not finde Capt Goulding att home, and thought it not a proper time to goe back then, this not being the first nor second time I have met with things of this nature latly, and should be glad to know of your Honour whether things of this nature are to be publickly looked into or whether we are to deside sutch things in a private maner, for I think it too hard to baire. I came in the capacity of a Leu^{t} Col^{ll},

but I think I have been used more like a common centinell in sundry things sence I have been here & kno not the reason I have. Did my best endeaviours to serve my King & country as far as I was capable sence I have been here, though I have met with all the descouragm^{ts} imaginable, and for what reasons I cannot tell, and I have had the honnour of commanding and being part of good ships, but now I cannot be intrusted to have ye charge of a small schooner after I had laide out conciderable upon her att my owne cost; not that I expected one farthing proffitt by her if I had caryed her out; but if your Honour had thought proper to give an order to take away all I had here except jest cloaths to cary me home I should have been more content then to finde a common sayler come over here with orders from yor Honnor to take away a vessell that I had taken so mutch pains aboute without so mutch as aquanting the reason nor nothing elce, whitch I think is verry hard to bare and almost discourages me from doing any thing, but must be content to bare all, if your Honor thinks proper.

Your most dutfull to com^{d}.

Jno Gorham.

P. S. Y^{e} too men is dyed in this house from the Island Battry belonged to Coll. Richmond's regiment.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Canso, June 14, 1745.

Sir, — On y^{e} 5th inst^{t} I rec^{d} y^{r} Hon$^{r's}$ directions of y^{e} 3^{d}, wherein y^{r} Hon^{r} is pleased on y^{e} strongest motives, duty, hon^{r}, & profit to recommend to me dispatch in finishing these works. I have so largly & so often laid before y^{r} Hon^{r} the difficultys that let the affair, to wit: want of tools & want of materials, that I have not any thing forther to alledg, & if any persons (as Capt Donahew hinted to me the other day) have accused me of negli-

gence, I must begg liberty to appeal to y^r^ Hon^r^ for the justification of my diligence in labouring on the works while y^r^ Hon^r^ was present and in sollisiting & even begging for necessaries to carry ye work on; and for the time since I dare appeal to the works themselves, to evidence the diligence of both officers & soldiers; & to justify my frugality I need but mention ye shingles for covering ye barrack, which I have made out of the butts & strips of planks & boards left by the carpenters, & useing in some shape or other the timber & stuff of all kinds on the island, tho' most unsuitable. But I am more concerned for ye want of those tools & materials, whereby ye work is hindred & ye place kept in a weak & defenceless condition, than for any loss of hon^r^ or profit that I may suffer by means of it, for as I came into this service with an expectation not only of loosing my time, but of expending a considerable sum of money in supporting myself & company, I shall not regret any thing of that kind y^t^ may happen so long as I am conscious of doing my duty. Yet I greatfully accept ye assurance y^r^ Hon^r^ has been pleased to give me of y^r^ Hon^r's^ favour & interest, upon my assiduity in his Majesties service here, & hope y^r^ Hon^r^ will have no reason to charge me with any wants of it, in this or any other points of duty that y^r^ Hon^r^ may think fit to assign me. As y^r^ Hon^r^ is pleased to promise a more particular consideration of my letters, y^r^ Hon^r^ has, I hope, considered the indent I gave to the Engineer Genl of necessaries wanting for these works. I begg leave to add that I am informed there are sundry blunderbusses in the army y^t^ are of little service to y^r^ Hon^r^ in the present situation, and begg y^r^ Hon^r^ would be pleased to bestow half a dozen of them on this place; two for the great blockhouse, & one for each small one I have errected & am erecting on the several corners of ye square to command the bastions & platforms. On ye 7th instant Capt Fones arrivd from ye fleet and informed

me he had the Commodore's order to take with him along the north shore Capt Donahew & Capt Beckett, who had sailed to the Gutt the night before, so that I am quite destitute of any aid by sea, or so much as a packett to give intiligence of the enemy by land, should they be bound for Cape Breton or intend to enter this & the adjacent islands, which I am inclined to think they will attempt to do upon discouering our cruisers on the north shore. I should think it for the security of these works and for the safty of the troops placed here that a schooner or some other small vessell, a good sailer, be stationed here, to be employed as a packett upon any emergency.

I have rec^{d} the 5th instent by Capt Donahew about a month's provisions for the companys posted here, & on the 11th instent by Capt Hodgekins two hogshds. French rum, the troops having been destitute for a week. Lt Benjn Stansbury is returned, without the materials & tools I expected, by reason, as he says, that Mr Hodgekins came from Chappeaurouge without his knowledge, and there was no other conveyance to be had. But the materials and tools, part of which, he says, he had provided, being absolutely necessary, and being obliged to cease from working unless they arrive in a few days, I have again sent Mr Stansbury with Mr Hodgekins & ye small sloop to wait on y^{r} Hon^{r}, for the tools & materials already provided for this place, & such others as may be had. I have sent inclosed a copy of the indent I gave Mr Bastide with some addition, cont^{a} the necessaries wanting for finishing the works here, which I doubt not y^{r} Hon^{r} will forw^{d} as soon as may be. The ranging timber I did imagine might have been provided by Capt Beckett as he past thro' this bay, could I have obtained the liberty from y^{r} Hon^{r} of sending a few of my people under a propper officer to assist him, as I requested of y^{r} Hon^{r} the 2^{d} instent. But being confined by y^{r} Hon$^{r's}$ order of y^{e} 21st of May last, enjoyning me not to suffer any of my

people to go from this island, I could not procure any timber, & there is nothing on the island but old picketts of about six or seven feet long, unfit to build barracks with, & were they fitt they will be all wanted, and many more, to support the sodd battery & secure the glacis. Therefore if y^r^ Hon^r^ expected me to go forward with the works I must intreat y^r^ Hon^r^ would lend me a proper vessell to go up the bay, and allow me liberty to put a small number of those troops on board, or send with such vessell a sufficient force to guard such workmen as may be necessary for that end, & Capt Bramham's sloop now in the harbour being suitable for that purpose, & the gentleman willing to undertake the service by y^r^ Hon^r's^ permission, I must beg the fauour of y^r^ Hon^r's^ order to him, or if he should be otherwise employed, some other vessell y^r^ Hon^r^ may think propper for that purpose. I have rec^d^ of Capt Bramham one month's provision & rum for eighty men, on board the sloops cruising in the Gutt of Canso, except part of the bread & pease that he could not supply, & have also rec^d^ three barrels of pork & one of rum for these troops, being all he had to spare. But this in my humble opinion is too scant allowance for ye cruisers and for the troops posted here, & seems less than his Excellency Govr Shirley by his letter of ye 23^d^ of April intended for this place, a copy whereof is inclosed. There is a small two-mast boat left here by Francis Sambrieux, who came in it from the Isle of Madam to seek his family, by invitation of Capt Fernald, as I formerly advised y^r^ Hon^r^, which boatt is quite necessary for this place, having no other to land our stores or transport any materials from one part of the island to the other, I should be glad to have her continued here, being unfitt to be carryed to Boston. I am, with the greatest respect,

Y^r^ Hon^r's^ most obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

AMMI R. CUTTER.

To Lt General PEPPERRELL.

P. S. Lt Stansbury having informed me that y^{r} Hon^{r} tho't it amiss that I should suffer the provisons to be carryed from hence to Cape Breton, & then send for y^{m} back again, I have inclosed y^{r} Hon$^{r's}$ order to me respecting all the provisions of any kind that should arrive hither from y^{e} commissary gen^{l}, whereby y^{r} Hon^{r} will see it was a matter of necessity & not of choice that I was twice left so nearly destitute of provisions as to have once but five days' allowance, & another time but seven days' allowance, & I can't but think it a very great hardship to be left so bare of ammunition with the expectation of a numerous army to pass this way. There has not a vessell come into this harbour for many days but has expected to find us engaged, & I believe y^{r} Hon^{r} is not wholly unapprehensive of it. If the reason be shortness of ammunition in the fleet & army, I should be willing to take my chance with the rest of ye forces, which tho vastly more numerous are entrenched as well as these troops. I have not any intelligence from Capt Fones, nor can I expect any very soon, unless he meet the enemy in or near the Gutt of Canso, his orders being, as he informed me, to cruise up the Bay Vert, & to send a vessell from him once a week. I suppose he did not joyn Capt Donahoe & Capt Beckett before Sunday last, and the navigation on that shore being difficult, can't reasonably be expected 'till the middle or latter end of next week. I think myself obliged to acquaint y^{r} Hon^{r} that in case an escalade is proposed at Louisbourg I think I could project a flying bridge that would afford both a safe & quick passage for ye troops, with less expence & hazard than any breach in the walls is attended with. And if there be no materials to carry on these works, it seems to me I can't be any farther serviceable to ye expedition by continuing in this place. But shall be ready to observe any orders y^{r} Hon^{r} shall think proper to give me. Y^{r} humb. serv^{t}.

A. R. Cutter.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.*

SIR, — I this morning rec^{d} y^{r} favour of yesterday, and have now the pleasure to tell you that we wait only for ye men you are so good to supply our ships with, and a fair wind, to go in and attack ye town with ye vigour that becomes Englishmen, and we dont in the least doubt but you will do the same by land. Pray lett me know, if you can, how many boats & ladders we may depend upon in the harbour of Lewisburg, and if they are all ready. I beg the men may come off to-day, for if the wind is fair, I will certainly, God willing, go in to-morrow morning. I have order'd Cap^{tn} Saunders to guard the vessels in the bay with the men belonging to ye transports that have ye men of warr's lumber on board, for he apprehends there may be danger from the Indians, and it wou'd be of the worst consequence to have the Annappolis storeship cut off. I am of y^{r} oppinion y^{t} she shoud be kept here, and any of her stores made use off that shall be absolutely necessary for the service in hand; and I hope ye gov^{mt} of New England will make good any deficiency made by you to the garrisson of Annappolis after this expedition is over. God grant us success. Pray keep y^{r} batterys at work as fast as possible. I am, with perfect esteem, S^{r},

Your most obed. serv^{t}.

P. WARREN.

SUPERB, OFF Y^{E} CAMP, ye 14th June, 1745.
Lieu^{t} Gen^{ll} PEPPEREL.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

CANSO, Jun. 15, 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE Y^{R} HON^{R}, — This comes by Capt Smith, just arrived in ten days from Boston, who brought a small supply of stores for this place ℔ ye mem'd. inclosed, by whom his Excellency Govr Shirley is pleased to let

* This letter is apparently in Warren's own handwriting. — EDS.

me know y^r^ Hon^r^ will supply me with what further stores & men may be necessary for the protection of this place against the body of French & Indians lately at Annapolis, & now drawn off by orders from Louisbourg, & that his Excellency has desir'd the Commodore to station at this place one of ye cruizers for a guard-vessell. I hope y^r^ Hon. will be pleased to afford me as many troops as the present situation of the army will admit of, there being four hundred more ordered by the Massachusetts, two hundred by Connecticut, for a reinforcement of the army, besides what may be expected from the other provinces, as far as Pensylvania, who are apprized of ye state of the army. And y^r^ Hon. will, I hope, allow me such materials & tools as may enable me to put this place in a proper posture of defence, of which I have advised y^r^ Hon. by an indent p^r^ Lt Stansbury, who sailed this morning on board Capt Bramham, & that y^r^ Hon. would give me liberty to pass from this island with a number of ye forces posted here, as I shall find it necessary, to place proper outguards for ye security of ye place & to procure such materials for ye works as may be had with ease near at hand, which the straitness of my present orders will not allow me to do, whereby I humbly apprehend the troops are more exposed & ye fortification of ye place obstructed. There is no advice of Capt Fones & the cruizers with him. I have not any cohorn or royal to throw any shell withal, & in case of an attack by any land forces there will be great want of one or more, there being many cellars or other coverts near the garrison, where the enemy might lye within musquett shott of the works, & be out of reach of our guns. There are also wanting sundry materials necessary to fit them for service, a memorandum whereof by ye gunner is inclosed, which I must begg y^r^ Hon^r^ to send by Mr Stansbury, or the first conveyance. I am

Y^r^ Hon^r's^ most obliged humb. serv^t^.

AMMI R. CUTTER

Lt Genl PEPPERRELL.

EDWARD HOW* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, June 15th, 1745.

SIR, — Haveing had the honr many years ago to have been acquainted with you at your father's house makes me presume that I may not be entirely blotted out of your memory, and makes me take the liberty of congratulateing you on your being at the head of so glorious an enterprise as that of reduceing Cape Briton, the pride of France, in which I pray to God to grant you all imaginable success. I should have been a volonteer with you, Sir, had not my good friend Mr. Bastide, who, I hope, is with you, long since atached me so closely to the ordnance service here by apointing me to act as storekeeper and paymaster, prevented me; and whereas, Sir, the Lords of the Admiralty have hond me with the commission of being there commissary for this province, I have apointed Capt Cutter at Canso to be my deputy, which I hope you'l aprove, and am with greatest respect, Sir,

Your most obedt humble servt.

ED. HOW.

Genll PEPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO BENNING WENTWORTH.†

June 18th, 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — It is with the utmost pleasure that I now congratulate you & my country on the happy issue of our enterprise against Louisbourg, which was effected thro' God's goodness by

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* Capt. Edward How was made a member of the Council at Annapolis in 1736, and was employed in various posts. In 1747 he was taken prisoner by the French, and afterward exchanged. In 1749 he was sworn in as a member of the Council of Nova Scotia; and in 1750 he was brutally murdered. See Murdoch's History of Nova Scotia, vol. i. p. 516; vol. ii. pp. 107, 152, 192. — EDS.

† On the same day Pepperrell wrote in almost identical terms to Gov. Law of Connecticut, merely substituting "Connecticut regiment" for "New Hampshire regiment." — EDS.

a surrender of this strong fortress on the 16th inst upon terms of capitulation agreed to with the Govern^{r} of s^{d} place by Commodore Warren and myself, wch have desir'd Col^{o} Moore to forward you the perticulars of, wch am perswaded you 'll excuse, as I am in the utmost hurry in putting affairs in a proper disposition and transmitting to his Majesty an account of our success and of the state of the garrison, &c.

The next day the ships entered the harbour, & a detachment of our troops with myself march'd into the town. Our army has undergone incredible fatigues with all possible chearfulness, in which the New Hampshire regiment has been always ready to take their share, and I hope will be rewarded accordingly. We have been very happy in having the fleet commanded by a gentleman of Commodore Warren's superiour worth & goodness. He has shewn an intire readiness to do all in his power to assist us. Since we have been in this place I am inform'd of a large body of Indians drawing very near us, but hope one of the good consequences of reducing this place will be detering our Indian neighbours from ever molesting the English settlements on any part of our continent again.

Your, &c.

W. P.

Excellency Govr WENTWORTH.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

On his Maj^{s} Service. To Lieuten^{t} General Peperel, &c^{a}.

SUPERBE, IN LEWISBOURG HARBOUR, the 20 June, 1745.

SIR, — I wish the expresses coud be dispatchd to England and Boston to-day. If you & I write a joynt letter to the Duke of Newcastle, I think it will be the best way, and in it wee can tell him that wee hope his Majesty will be graciously pleas'd to reward the officers and men, both

belonging to the troops under your command and to the squadron under mine, by preferment or otherwise, wee having, to encourage them, given our words and honour that wee wou'd recommend all such as shou'd behave themselves well to his Majesty's bounty and favour, and that wee also pray that such men as have been maimd or have lost limbs upon this expedition, and by that means are incapable of getting bread, and all widdows whose husbands have been killd in this service, be allowd such pensions for their support as his Majesty shall think fitt, and that as the troops were in hopes of getting a considerable deal of plunder, in which they are disappointed by the surrender of the town upon the conditions of a capitulation, wee farther hope that such of them as shall not chuse to be rewarded by preferment may be considerd and rewarded in such other shape as his Maj. shall think proper. A general recommendation in this manner I am well assur'd will have a good effect, and if you woud chuse to have any part of the troops regimented, to recommend that I dare say wou'd have the same, and that the officers that shou'd desire it wou'd be confirmd, and those that did not woud be rewarded in some other way. Wee shoud certainly appoint officers immediately for our more regular proceeding, such as Fort Major, Storekeeper of the Ordnance, Town Major, Master Gunner, Gunners & Montrosses, Commissary of the Provisions for the troops in garrison, for I apprehend the troops that will garrison this place will be allowd the same provision in addition to their pay with those at Gibralter, which is two thirds as much as seamen. All these posts when establish'd on sterling salarys will be no bad things, and as I have nobody to recommend for those offices but those gentlemen belonging to the troops under your command, I will with the greatest pleasure joyn with you in appointing and recommending such of them as you shall judge are qualify'd for each respective post. There shoud be a Judge

and Court of Admiralty appointed for the condemnation of prizes. If you approve of this, pray let me know your sentiments, and then it will be proper to communicate this to all the officers and private men of your troops. I think you may call a Council upon this, at which I will with pleasure, if you desire it, assist. I am, S^r^,

Y^r^ most obed. serv^t^.

P. WARREN.

Lt General PEPPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

LOUISBOURG, June 20th, 1745.

SIR, — I have just receiv'd your favour of this morning, for the contents of which am much oblig'd to you, especially what you mention of a joint letter to the Duke of Newcastle I esteem exceeding kind & good, and beg the favour of you to write and I shall with pleasure join with you in signifying the same. I am also of your opinion that proper officers should be thought of, and I am ready to join with you in appointing such as you and I shall think best qualified. The news we had of the Indians occasions my officers to be at present exceedingly hurried in getting into the town our stores, &c. But I shall as soon as possible call a Council, at which shall esteem your presence a great favour, & am

Your, &c.

W. P.

Honble Com^o^ WARREN.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, 22^d^ June, 1745.

HON^D^ & DEAR SIR, — The last time I did myself the honour of writing you was by Capt Smith, who I hope is

* Nathaniel Sparhawk wrote many letters to his father-in-law, especially after the capture of Louisbourg, and was persistent in his efforts to obtain valuable contracts and other pecuniary advantages for himself and the firm of Colman & Sparhawk, of which he was a member. See *ante*, p. 133 *n*. — EDS.

safe with you long 'ere this. Since, is arrived here Capt Gayton, Snelling, & a number of transports. I have by neither of 'em a line from you, which is no small mortification to me. I have, however, the sattisfaction of hearing of the state of affairs at Louisbourg, by those that are come from thence and by yor letters & Comodore Warren's to his Excellency, which with the enjoyment of yor health & the continuance of yor firm resolution affords ye happy prospect of success in the important enterprise of reducing to obedience the enemy in so strong & regularly a fortifyed place as Cape Breton is. May the Almighty God prevent a defeat to our forces, & in great favour give us victory without the loss of many lives; and in a particular manner may yor life & health be preserved and yor return be speedy, happy, & glorious. The scene has looked very dark and discouraging to me hitherto. But now I promise myself your endeavours will be crowned with victory. This waits on you by Mr Giddings, who the Committee dispatches, a single vessell with one company only, belonging to Coll^{o} Choate's regiment. The other companys I expect will sail to-morrow to compleat ye number of 400. You will soon have 400 more under comand of Coll^{o} Bourn or Capt Watts of Chelsey, as the General Court have consented to an impress on the present emergency; and I hope you'l not want any warlike stores, as I beleive their is the utmost care taken in these regards, and the whole country is spirited wonderfully, not only to furnish these things but recruits. The other governments will also do considerably, so that in a very little time I beleive you may depend on at least 2000 recruits. I should have been with you by some of these vessells was it not for the service I apprehended I could do in regard of the expedition and the defence of the eastern frontiers, which last has met with great opposition, and no more then 460 men could be obtained in addition to those before established there, being abo^{t} 200, thô I

think we ought to have 1000 at least. Another reason, & the prevailing one with me, for my being at this distance from you in yor difficultys, is your express prohibition not to come down. But at times I am & have been ready to break through every difficulty. I should have now sent you some shoats & fowles, but did n't expect an oppertunity till the middle of the week, when I hope you wont fail of some fresh stock, which I fear you suffer for want of. I shall then write you further & I hope in a more suitable and better manner y^n^ the great hurry I am put in by Giddings' unexpected departure today puts me in. Allow me in the interim to assure you of all the respect & affection due to a most desireable & truly valuable parent, from his most obedient son & devoted serv^t^.

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Please to turn over.

General PEPPERRELL.

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WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.*

BOSTON, June 22, 1745.

SIR, — Since the departure of Smith I have receiv'd yours by Giddings, Gayton, and the schooner sent to Annapolis, and can only in a cursory manner let you know that our Assembly have voted 1000 more men, about 400 or more of which I now send, and will endeavour to have the rest ready to come by Rouse, and that I am in hopes near 800 more may be rais'd within New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, to come by Rouse. I now send you 400 barrells of powder, [*blank*] shot of 42^{lb}, five hundred of 18^{lb}, two hundred of 22^{lb}, and [*blank*] of 9^{lb}, [*blank*] shells for the 11 inch mortar, thirty-five shells for the 13 inch mortar, [*blank*] fuses and [*blank*] shells for the cohorns, and that the remainder of the shot and shells shall be sent by Rouse. The Committee will give you an account of provisions.

I hope by this time that the Sunderland and Canterbury, men of war, are arriv'd, and you are in possession of Louisbourg. Nothing in my power shall be wanting to you, and I hope by their sending more ships from home, they will soon send you troops too.

I must recommend to your favour and protection Mr Monk, Mr Dering's son-in-law, who carries an Aid du Camp's commission in his pocket.

I am in the midst of the greatest hurry and perplexity, with great regard and esteem, Sir,

Your most assur'd friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

I cannot fill up the blanks; but you will have a schedule of everything from the Committee, except of some 42^{lb}

* There is a duplicate of this letter among the Pepperrell Papers, with the omission of a part of the postscript, — both in Shirley's own handwriting. — EDS.

shott put on board Snelling from the Castle and 500–9^{lb} shot from the same place.

P. S. I am affraid Brigadier Waldo will think it unkind in me not to send him a line. Pray let him know I will write largely by Rouse; and give my service to Brigadier Dwight and Col. Bradstreet. I have taken care of the French boy for Col. Dwight, whom I shall give a regim^{t} to: one company, vizt, those enlisted by Mr Thomas of Plimouth, under Lieuten^{t} Samuel Jackson now goes. Thomas himself is to be Lieutenant Colonel. An order was passed by the King in Council for fortifying Canso in the same manner wch it is now doing in, wch Mrs Bastide now transmits to Mr Bastide after my perusal of it. Pray send down instantly to Cutter two months' provisions for 90 men, a box of candles, and rum; you need not fear want. And be pleas'd to excuse me to Mr Bastide 'till next conveyance, when I will write at large, and tell him I shall in the mean time write to the Board of Ordnance. I have a perfect satisfaction in your conduct, and think it extremely happy for your country y^{t} you went.

Lieuten^{t} General PEPPERILL.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To Lieu^{t} General Peperill, &c^{a}.

SIR, — I am of oppinion y^{t} we shoud send Cap^{tn} Rouse to England with an express, and as he is a very deserving man, and has done his country great service, I am persuaded my recommending him woud gett him the comand of one of ye King's snows and ye New England station. I am, S^{r},

Your most humble serv^{t}.

P. WARREN.

26 June.

Gen^{ll} PEPEREL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

S^{r}, — Your favour of this date I received. Am pleas^{d} that you desire to send Capt Rowse to England; do think he is a person worthy of yor notice, and am senseable he will always acknowledge ye favours you bestow on him, & will behave himselfe so that ẏo^{r} judgm^{t} in recommending him will be applaud^{d}.

The Secretã waits on you with ye commissions for the Court of Admiralty. If you have not pitcht upon any person for ye Marshal, I believe y^{t} Mr Wm Winslow would behave himselfe well in that office, and it would be an act of charity to serve an unfortunate gent^{n}. I am, S^{r},

Yo^{r} very hum^{ble} serv^{t}.

W^{m}. PEPPERRELL.

26 June, 1745.

Honor^{ble} PETER WARREN, Esqr.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THE LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIPS, — I do myself the honour to congratulate you on the success of his Majesty's arms in the reduction of Louisbourg & territories adjacent, which were surrendered to his obedience ye 16th ins^{t} on terms of capitulation, copy of which have herewith inclos'd to your Lordships. The timely assistance of the squadron of his Majesty's ships sent here demand our highest thanks, & I esteem it a peculiar favour that they were under the command of a gentleman of such distinguished merit, & so universally beloved in New England as Commodore Warren; his entire readiness to give the army all possible assistance was extreamly engaging. The day that a suspension of hostilities was desired by the enemy we had agreed upon

a general assault by sea & land, and six hundred of the troops were put on board his Majest^{s} ships the better to man them for that purpose.

I presume the acquisition of this place of so much importance to the trade of his Majesty's subjects in America will be peculiarly agreable to him & the whole nation, and that speedy measures will be taken for the security thereof and the setling this island, wch I humbly apprehend nothing will more conduce to than his Majesty's establishing a civil government here, & making Louisbourg a free port for some years. I cant but flatter myself that our success in the reduction of this place (so much the pride of France) is an happy prelude to some further progress against the French settlements in America, wch should it please his Majesty to promote, I am perswaded his N. Eng^{d} subjects will chearfully offer their weak services.

There being several prizes in this harbour, which have on board many necessaries that the troops are in absolute want of, has occasion'd my joining wth Commodore Warren in appointing proper officers for the legal tryall & condemnation of them, for which I presume your Lordships will allow the exigency to be a reasonable excuse. I am

Your Lordships' most obedient humble serv^{t}.

W. P.

Louisbourg, June 26th, 1745.

The Lords Com^{rs} of the Admiralty of Great Brittain, &c.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Lewisbourg, the 27th of June, 1745.

Sir, — In my last letters by Capt Montagu, to the Ministry and Admir^{y} I gave them an acc^{o} of our being in possession of this garrison, and that as it wanted an immediate repair to make it tenable, till his Maj^{s} pleasure

shoud be known, I desired they woud answer such bills as I shoud draw for that purpose, because I thought the Collonys who had already been at very great expence, woud not take it upon them to repair & maintain this town and garrison. I am now going to send duplicates of my said letters home, and as I understand a vote has passd your Council wherein you propose that the Collonys shall take the whole expence upon them, you'll give me leave to mention it to the Ministry, and to recommend it to you as of the greatest consequence that the repairs of the garrison be immediately begun under the direction of Mr Bastide, one of his Maj^{s} Engineers, who came here to attend the seige, and on whom I have prevaild to remain here 'till we can recieve orders from home, and that a stock of provisions be laid in, and fire wood, with a suffitient quantity of ammunition and other warlike stores for the mentainance of the troops and the support of so valuable an acquisition to our country. I will assist you with everything in my power, and the sooner this garrison is put in a posture of defence the sooner I shall be enabled to send out some cruizers to intercept the enemy's going to Quebeck, which will render the reduction of that place practicable, if his Majesty shall think it necessary to attempt it next spring.

As the autumn in which you cant carry on the repairs of the garrison or town is advancing, it is highly necessary to begin the repairs and laying in the stores as soon as possible. You know the severity of the winter cuts off your communication from all his Majesty's settlements for six or seven months, and that the ravages of war has left no provision in this country, not even for the inhabitants, who, I apprehend, cant be all transported this fall, and must therefore be mentained by you till they can. I hope as you have undertaken an affair of so much consequence that there will be no want of money or neces-

sarys to enable the troops to keep possession. It behoves you, Sir, maturely to consider, and in time, of every particular that can contribute to the support and security of this important acquisition, as the loss of it woud be of the worst consequence and greatest discredit to you.

As the vessel sails for England to-morrow, I beg the favour of your answer to this, and that you will please in a distinct manner to apprise me of the measures you propose to take for the support of this fortress and territory, that I may be by that enabled to judge how I shall best employ myself and squadron for his Majᵗʸ service.

I am well assur'd 'tis in yʳ power & mine to grant the lands & houses of this town and territory to encourage people that are willing to settle in this country under proper regulations 'till the King's pleasure is known, and poor people and familys will be glad to take them upon these conditions, and I persuade myself his Majʸ will either confirm our grants or give them such as shall be equal, if not more advantageous to them.

As there are a great number of shalloways and other fishing boats here, if they were given to such poor familys as woud settle, it woud be a great encouragemᵗ to them. If you approve of this, and we shoud publish it in all the Collonys, I make no doubt but we might soon see such a number of inhabitants here as will be able with a proper garrison to support this country against the power of France. I am, with esteem, Sir,

Your most obedᵗ humble servᵗ.

P. WARREN.

Lieuᵗ General PEPERELL, &cᵃ.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

CANSO, Jun. 27, 1745.

HON^D^ SIR, — Last Sunday Capt Beckett came in from the Gutt of Canso with a letter from Capt Fones, dated the 22^d^ ins^t^, advising that that day week he met with the French & Indians, as he tho't to the number of twelve hundred, but gave them so warm a reception that he caused them to retire with precipitance, & for particulars referd to Capt Beckett, & sent also a letter to Adm^l^ Warren. But there being no vessell in the harbour fit to put to sea I could not forward the advice. Yesterday, Capt Tyng past by the harbour, but I was not able to put a letter on board him, notwithstanding I fired three guns at about four minutes distance one after the other, my boat rowing off from the harbour all the time. To-day Capt Beckett returnd into the harbour, and informs me he is bound to Chappeaurouge Bay, with a packett from Capt Fones to the Admiral, & by him y^r^ Hon^r^ will be informd of the action at Tackmagush much better than I can relate it at second hand; but begg leave to observe to y^r^ Hon^r^ that I think it most probable this formidable army having met with so little success at sea will soon quit their sloops & schooners & take to their canoos, which y^r^ Hon^r^ well knows they can repair in a few hours, or if they have not one left could furnish themselves in one day at this season of the year with canoos enough to pass any of the bays, gutts, or rivers that lye in their way towards Cape Breton, and in their passage it is most probable they will take care to avoid Capt Fones & Capt Donahew, and come over the carrying places to Sheetabucter or White Head, which will be very handy to pay us a visit (in their way to y^r^ Hon^r^), and then land at St Peters or some place near it; and I am the more inclined to this opinion for that the messengers that returned from Annapolis to Cape Breton with the notice that this

army was coming passed by the island of Madam, as I inform'd y^r^ Hon^r^, the 26th of May last. I hope y^r^ Hon^r^ will be provided to receive them at the camp in case y^e^ are not in possession of the city before their arrival. But had much rather a number of our small cruizers should intercept them before they land on Cape Breton, which I think there is a great probability they might do, were a considerable number of them stationed round the western part of the island. I have so often repeated to y^r^ Hon^r^ the defencless condition of these troops for want of tools & materialls to fortify the place, & ammunition & proper arms to defend themselves, that I think I shall be justified before God, let their fate be as it will, after the best defence I can make; but I hope to receive a better supply by Lt. Stansbury, and a sufficient reinforcement of these troops with a proper guard vessell for this harbour, agreeable to what his Excellency Govr Shirley was pleased to let me know I might expect. I wish y^r^ Hon^r^ success & victory, and am

Y^r^ Hon^r's^ most obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

AMMI R. CUTTER.

To Lt Genl PEPPERRELL.

P. S. I have but three weeks provisions for these troops. A. R. C.

I have sent by Capt Beckett a rough model of a flying bridge to scale the walls of Louisbourg, if y^r^ Hon^r^ is not in possession of ye city already. It is to be covered with thin boards & cleets to be nailed across, two feet apart, to prevent the men from slipping as they go over, & if there be danger of fire may be covered with raw hides, &c. It is constructed by a scale of four feet to an inch, supposed to rise thirty feet, & to be wide eno' for eight men to pass abrest, & may have rails to prevent the men from falling off it as y^y^ pass. A thousand men may pass over it in four minutes from the time the first man passes the

wall, & may be built so light that twenty men may carry it on their shoulders, & raise it in a minute after it is bro't to the wall. There may be two, three, or four of them built for a small expence, & will have this advantage above scaling at a breach, that any part of ye city wall may be chosen that is least suspected of mines, or any new fortifications within the wall, & may be moved from one place to another as there may be occasion. It requires only two single blocks & two double blocks, & two hundred fathoms of three inch rope to rigg it.

A. R. C.

RICHARD WALDRON TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honorable Lieu^t^ General Pepperrell, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Troops at the Camp before Louisbourg, on the Island Breton.

Honble Sir, — My last was of the 27th of April by Ward, & acknowledged the receipt of your favour of the 9th of the same month by Fletcher's prize from Canso. I would write you by every opportunity, but you have so many friends at Boston who can give you better intelligence that I forbear lest my correspondence should be troublesome. However, when anything occurrs to me that affects your reputation the friendship I owe you, and the regard I have for your charecter, constrains me to impart it. Accordingly I have inclosed a copy of what has bên laid before our Assembly, which shows a complaint has gone from hence to Boston against you for injustice.* Who sent the information from the camp

* The following extract, in the handwriting of Waldron, and marked "Copy," is filed with this letter: "Council Chamber, June 17, 1745. Paragraph of his Exc^y^ Govr Shirley's letter, upon his Excellency's complaining that the New Hamp^r^ regiment was put on extraordinary duty, &ca. I had not read your Excellency's favour by the post when I dispatch'd my express. I cant think Mr Pepperrell is capable of doing injustice to the New Hamp^r^ regiment, but I desire you would be pleased to let your people know that if any thing of that kind has happened, I will be personally answerable for their good usage for the future, and shall send express orders for that purpose to the General." — Eds.

hither I have not heard, but I presume you will be able to make a near guess, without the spirit of prophesy. I hope my son's behaviour has bên, and will be, such as to merit your favour, and if so, I promise myself you'l have him in remembrance if an opportunity should offer for his promotion. I wish you health and victory and a safe return, and am, dear Sir,

Your most obedient and obliged humble servant.

RICH^{D} WALDRON.

PORTSM^{H}, June 28th, 1745.

P. S. How gentlemanlike would it have bên upon receiving an information against you to have acquainted you with it, and desired justice; and how much is it the reverse to make a complaint against you, and then to lay the answer before the Assembly, and thereby publish it to the world.

Yo^{rs}. R. W.

Honble General PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

LOUISBOURG, June 28th, 1745.

SIR, — In answer to your favour of yesterday, I would observe to you that the same reasons wch you suggest therein, vizt, the advances of the summer and the impracticableness of effecting repairs and of our having communication with his Majesties other settlements prompted the Council to advise that this place should be immediately repaired as far as is necessary for the defence thereof, and the accommodation of the army, and safety of the provisions & stores, and as we cou'd not presume to engage his Majesty's pay to the workmen, we had no other expedient but to refer their pay to the respective governments who assisted in the expedition till their mind may be known upon it, apprehending that it lays

with those our constituents to make application to his Majesty for reimbursements of the expence. But if you are willing to draw for the same, I shall with pleasure acquiesce therein, and the army shall attend under proper overseers & take the directions of Mr Bastide, his Majes^s^ Engineer, to do everything of that nature wch there are materials here to effect, and I have wrote to Govr Shirley that we wanted a large supply of all materials for repairs, & I'm perswaded he will hasten the same. As to firewood the Council voted several days since that a number of the transports should be sent to fetch in all the wood cut in the neighbouring places, of which am inform'd there are some thousands of cords, and they only wait your leave to proceed thereon, wth a suitable guard vessell, either one of our cruizers or any other you think proper. As to the necessary supply of provissions, I don't know what further method I can at present take for procuring them, more than what has been done by notifying the governments of N. Eng^d^ of the necessity of a supply till his Majesties commands can be known. I immagine the letters you wrote to the Govern^rs^ of the several colonies will engage them to assist in said supply. As to ammunition & other warlike stores, I have also wrote Govern^r^ Shirley, and you know, S^r^, in our joint letter to the Duke of Newcastle, we represented the necessity of a large supply of all kinds, also of provissions & troops wch letter hope will arrive early to his Grace. I am entirely ready to come into any measures that shall be thought adviseable for the encouragement of any persons & families who are willing to settle here, & everything else in my power for compleating the affair we have been already so happy as to make so good progress in, and am, with esteem, S^r^,

Your most humble serv^t^.

W. P.

Honble Commodore WARREN.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.*

LOUISBOURG, June 28th, 1745.

MY LORD DUKE, — I have already had the honour to transmitt to your Grace in conjunction wth Commodore Warren an acc^t^ of the success of his Majesties arms in the reduction of Louisbourg and territories adjacent to his Majesties obedience, which was happily effected on the sixteenth ins^t^. by an army of his Majesties New English subjects whom I have the honour to be at the head of, assisted on the seaside by a squadron of his Majesty's ships under the command of Mr Warren, said fortresses & territories being surrendered on terms of capitulation, of which a copy was forwarded to your Grace with our letter, and duplicate thereof is herewith inclosed. On the 17th ins^t^ his Majesty's ships entered the harbour, and the same day part of the troops with myself marched into the city. Since which have used the utmost dilligence in making the proper dispositions for the security and good regulation of the place, and the speedy evacuation of it, agreable to the terms of capitulation. I have now the honour to inclose to your Grace an acc^t^ of what troops were rais'd in each of his Majesty's governments in New Eng^d^ which were aiding in this expedition † and the present state of them, and I flatter myself that his Majesty will be graciously pleas'd to approve of their zeal in voluntarily engaging in so expensive and hazardous an enterprize, even before they had notice of any other naval force than the private vessels of war fitted out by themselves. And I humbly beg your Grace's leave to say that I should not do my fellow soldiers justice if I omitted this opportunity to assure your Grace

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belonging to the troops under your command and to the squadron under mine, by preferment or otherwise, wee having, to encourage them, given our words and honour that wee wou'd recommend all such as shou'd behave themselves well to his Majesty's bounty and favour, and that wee also pray that such men as have been maimd or have lost limbs upon this expedition, and by that means are incapable of getting bread, and all widdows whose husbands have been killd in this service, be allowd such pensions for their support as his Majesty shall think fitt, and that as the troops were in hopes of getting a considerable deal of plunder, in which they are disappointed by the surrender of the town upon the conditions of a capitulation, wee farther hope that such of them as shall not chuse to be rewarded by preferment may be considerd and rewarded in such other shape as his Maj. shall think proper. A general recommendation in this manner I am well assur'd will have a good effect, and if you woud chuse to have any part of the troops regimented, to recommend that I dare say wou'd have the same, and that the officers that shou'd desire it wou'd be confirmd, and those that did not woud be rewarded in some other way. Wee shoud certainly appoint officers immediately for our more regular proceeding, such as Fort Major, Storekeeper of the Ordnance, Town Major, Master Gunner, Gunners & Montrosses, Commissary of the Provisions for the troops in garrison, for I apprehend the troops that will garrison this place will be allowd the same provision in addition to their pay with those at Gibralter, which is two thirds as much as seamen. All these posts when establish'd on sterling salarys will be no bad things, and as I have nobody to recommend for those offices but those gentlemen belonging to the troops under your command, I will with the greatest pleasure joyn with you in appointing and recommending such of them as you shall judge are qualify'd for each respective post. There shoud be a Judge

and Court of Admiralty appointed for the condemnation of prizes. If you approve of this, pray let me know your sentiments, and then it will be proper to communicate this to all the officers and private men of your troops. I think you may call a Council upon this, at which I will with pleasure, if you desire it, assist. I am, S^r^,

Y^r^ most obed. serv^t^.

P. WARREN.

Lt General PEPPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

LOUISBOURG, June 20th, 1745.

SIR,—I have just receiv'd your favour of this morning, for the contents of which am much oblig'd to you, especially what you mention of a joint letter to the Duke of Newcastle I esteem exceeding kind & good, and beg the favour of you to write and I shall with pleasure join with you in signifying the same. I am also of your opinion that proper officers should be thought of, and I am ready to join with you in appointing such as you and I shall think best qualified. The news we had of the Indians occasions my officers to be at present exceedingly hurried in getting into the town our stores, &c. But I shall as soon as possible call a Council, at which shall esteem your presence a great favour, & am

Your, &c.

W. P.

Honble Com^o^ WARREN.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, 22^d^ June, 1745.

HON^D^ & DEAR SIR, — The last time I did myself the honour of writing you was by Capt Smith, who I hope is

* Nathaniel Sparhawk wrote many letters to his father-in-law, especially after the capture of Louisbourg, and was persistent in his efforts to obtain valuable contracts and other pecuniary advantages for himself and the firm of Colman & Sparhawk, of which he was a member. See *ante*, p. 133 *n.* — EDS.

safe with you long 'ere this. Since, is arrived here Capt Gayton, Snelling, & a number of transports. I have by neither of 'em a line from you, which is no small mortification to me. I have, however, the sattisfaction of hearing of the state of affairs at Louisbourg, by those that are come from thence and by yor letters & Comodore Warren's to his Excellency, which with the enjoyment of yor health & the continuance of yor firm resolution affords ye happy prospect of success in the important enterprise of reducing to obedience the enemy in so strong & regularly a fortifyed place as Cape Breton is. May the Almighty God prevent a defeat to our forces, & in great favour give us victory without the loss of many lives; and in a particular manner may yor life & health be preserved and yor return be speedy, happy, & glorious. The scene has looked very dark and discouraging to me hitherto. But now I promise myself your endeavours will be crowned with victory. This waits on you by Mr Giddings, who the Committee dispatches, a single vessell with one company only, belonging to Coll^{o} Choate's regiment. The other companys I expect will sail to-morrow to compleat ye number of 400. You will soon have 400 more under comand of Coll^{o} Bourn or Capt Watts of Chelsey, as the General Court have consented to an impress on the present emergency; and I hope you'l not want any warlike stores, as I beleive their is the utmost care taken in these regards, and the whole country is spirited wonderfully, not only to furnish these things but recruits. The other governments will also do considerably, so that in a very little time I beleive you may depend on at least 2000 recruits. I should have been with you by some of these vessells was it not for the service I apprehended I could do in regard of the expedition and the defence of the eastern frontiers, which last has met with great opposition, and no more then 460 men could be obtained in addition to those before established there, being abo^{t} 200, thô I

think we ought to have 1000 at least. Another reason, & the prevailing one with me, for my being at this distance from you in yor difficultys, is your express prohibition not to come down. But at times I am & have been ready to break through every difficulty. I should have now sent you some shoats & fowles, but did n't expect an oppertunity till the middle of the week, when I hope you wont fail of some fresh stock, which I fear you suffer for want of. I shall then write you further & I hope in a more suitable and better manner y^n^ the great hurry I am put in by Giddings' unexpected departure today puts me in. Allow me in the interim to assure you of all the respect & affection due to a most desireable & truly valuable parent, from his most obedient son & devoted serv^t^.

N. SPARHAWK.

Herewith is a letter from my dear Mother Pepperrell & Bro^r^ Andrew.

Please to turn over.

General PEPPERRELL.

Let me beg, Sir, that you will the next oppertunity give me as particular account of the state of the army, & if the place should not then be reduced of ye prospect you have, & the method thought most eligible to proceed in to effect what is so much to be wished for, — this if it be consistent with your wisdom & convenience. I am, Hon^d^ Sir,

Y^r^ obedient son.

N. SPARHAWK.

P. S. My hearty respect to Coll^o^ Waldo (who I wrote ℔ Smith) & any enquiring friends. The masting busyness suffers very much for want of Mr Bragdon, that if you could spare him without detriment to the expedition I should be very glad.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.*

BOSTON, June 22, 1745.

SIR, — Since the departure of Smith I have receiv'd yours by Giddings, Gayton, and the schooner sent to Annapolis, and can only in a cursory manner let you know that our Assembly have voted 1000 more men, about 400 or more of which I now send, and will endeavour to have the rest ready to come by Rouse, and that I am in hopes near 800 more may be rais'd within New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, to come by Rouse. I now send you 400 barrells of powder, [*blank*] shot of 42^{lb}, five hundred of 18^{lb}, two hundred of 22^{lb}, and [*blank*] of 9^{lb}, [*blank*] shells for the 11 inch mortar, thirty-five shells for the 13 inch mortar, [*blank*] fuses and [*blank*] shells for the cohorns, and that the remainder of the shot and shells shall be sent by Rouse. The Committee will give you an account of provisions.

I hope by this time that the Sunderland and Canterbury, men of war, are arriv'd, and you are in possession of Louisbourg. Nothing in my power shall be wanting to you, and I hope by their sending more ships from home, they will soon send you troops too.

I must recommend to your favour and protection Mr Monk, Mr Dering's son-in-law, who carries an Aid du Camp's commission in his pocket.

I am in the midst of the greatest hurry and perplexity, with great regard and esteem, Sir,

Your most assur'd friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

I cannot fill up the blanks; but you will have a schedule of everything from the Committee, except of some 42^{lb}

* There is a duplicate of this letter among the Pepperrell Papers, with the omission of a part of the postscript, — both in Shirley's own handwriting. — EDS.

shott put on board Snelling from the Castle and 500–9^{lb} shot from the same place.

P. S. I am affraid Brigadier Waldo will think it unkind in me not to send him a line. Pray let him know I will write largely by Rouse; and give my service to Brigadier Dwight and Col. Bradstreet. I have taken care of the French boy for Col. Dwight, whom I shall give a regim^{t} to: one company, vizt, those enlisted by Mr Thomas of Plimouth, under Lieuten^{t} Samuel Jackson now goes. Thomas himself is to be Lieutenant Colonel. An order was passed by the King in Council for fortifying Canso in the same manner wch it is now doing in, wch Mrs Bastide now transmits to Mr Bastide after my perusal of it. Pray send down instantly to Cutter two months' provisions for 90 men, a box of candles, and rum; you need not fear want. And be pleas'd to excuse me to Mr Bastide 'till next conveyance, when I will write at large, and tell him I shall in the mean time write to the Board of Ordnance. I have a perfect satisfaction in your conduct, and think it extremely happy for your country y^{t} you went.

Lieuten^{t} General PEPPERILL.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To Lieu^{t} General Peperill, &c^{a}.

SIR, — I am of oppinion y^{t} we shoud send Cap^{tn} Rouse to England with an express, and as he is a very deserving man, and has done his country great service, I am persuaded my recommending him woud gett him the comand of one of ye King's snows and ye New England station. I am, S^{r},

Your most humble serv^{t}.

P. WARREN.

26 June.

Gen^{ll} PEPEREL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

S^r^, — Your favour of this date I received. Am pleas^d^ that you desire to send Capt Rowse to England ; do think he is a person worthy of yor notice, and am senseable he will always acknowledge ye favours you bestow on him, & will behave himselfe so that ŷo^r^ judgm^t^ in recommending him will be applaud^d^.

The Secretã waits on you with ye commissions for the Court of Admiralty. If you have not pitcht upon any person for ye Marshal, I believe y^t^ Mr Wm Winslow would behave himselfe well in that office, and it would be an act of charity to serve an unfortunate gent^n^. I am, S^r^,

Yo^r^ very hum^ble^ serv^t^.

W^m^. PEPPERRELL.

26 June, 1745.

Honor^ble^ PETER WARREN, Esqr.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THE LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIPS, — I do myself the honour to congratulate you on the success of his Majesty's arms in the reduction of Louisbourg & territories adjacent, which were surrendered to his obedience ye 16th ins^t^ on terms of capitulation, copy of which have herewith inclos'd to your Lordships. The timely assistance of the squadron of his Majesty's ships sent here demand our highest thanks, & I esteem it a peculiar favour that they were under the command of a gentleman of such distinguished merit, & so universally beloved in New England as Commodore Warren ; his entire readiness to give the army all possible assistance was extreamly engaging. The day that a suspension of hostilities was desired by the enemy we had agreed upon

a general assault by sea & land, and six hundred of the troops were put on board his Majest^{s} ships the better to man them for that purpose.

I presume the acquisition of this place of so much importance to the trade of his Majesty's subjects in America will be peculiarly agreable to him & the whole nation, and that speedy measures will be taken for the security thereof and the setling this island, wch I humbly apprehend nothing will more conduce to than his Majesty's establishing a civil government here, & making Louisbourg a free port for some years. I cant but flatter myself that our success in the reduction of this place (so much the pride of France) is an happy prelude to some further progress against the French settlements in America, wch should it please his Majesty to promote, I am perswaded his N. Eng^{d} subjects will chearfully offer their weak services.

There being several prizes in this harbour, which have on board many necessaries that the troops are in absolute want of, has occasion'd my joining wth Commodore Warren in appointing proper officers for the legal tryall & condemnation of them, for which I presume your Lordships will allow the exigency to be a reasonable excuse. I am

Your Lordships' most obedient humble serv^{t}.

W. P.

Louisbourg, June 26th, 1745.

The Lords Com^{rs} of the Admiralty of Great Brittain, &c.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Lewisbourg, the 27th of June, 1745.

Sir, — In my last letters by Capt Montagu, to the Ministry and Admir^{y} I gave them an acc^{o} of our being in possession of this garrison, and that as it wanted an immediate repair to make it tenable, till his Maj^{s} pleasure

shoud be known, I desired they woud answer such bills as I shoud draw for that purpose, because I thought the Collonys who had already been at very great expence, woud not take it upon them to repair & maintain this town and garrison. I am now going to send duplicates of my said letters home, and as I understand a vote has passd your Council wherein you propose that the Collonys shall take the whole expence upon them, you'll give me leave to mention it to the Ministry, and to recommend it to you as of the greatest consequence that the repairs of the garrison be immediately begun under the direction of Mr Bastide, one of his Maj^{s} Engineers, who came here to attend the seige, and on whom I have prevaild to remain here 'till we can recieve orders from home, and that a stock of provisions be laid in, and fire wood, with a suffitient quantity of ammunition and other warlike stores for the mentainance of the troops and the support of so valuable an acquisition to our country. I will assist you with everything in my power, and the sooner this garrison is put in a posture of defence the sooner I shall be enabled to send out some cruizers to intercept the enemy's going to Quebeck, which will render the reduction of that place practicable, if his Majesty shall think it necessary to attempt it next spring.

As the autumn in which you cant carry on the repairs of the garrison or town is advancing, it is highly necessary to begin the repairs and laying in the stores as soon as possible. You know the severity of the winter cuts off your communication from all his Majesty's settlements for six or seven months, and that the ravages of war has left no provision in this country, not even for the inhabitants, who, I apprehend, cant be all transported this fall, and must therefore be mentained by you till they can. I hope as you have undertaken an affair of so much consequence that there will be no want of money or neces-

sarys to enable the troops to keep possession. It behoves you, Sir, maturely to consider, and in time, of every particular that can contribute to the support and security of this important acquisition, as the loss of it woud be of the worst consequence and greatest discredit to you.

As the vessel sails for England to-morrow, I beg the favour of your answer to this, and that you will please in a distinct manner to apprise me of the measures you propose to take for the support of this fortress and territory, that I may be by that enabled to judge how I shall best employ myself and squadron for his Majᵗʸ service.

I am well assur'd 'tis in yʳ power & mine to grant the lands & houses of this town and territory to encourage people that are willing to settle in this country under proper regulations 'till the King's pleasure is known, and poor people and familys will be glad to take them upon these conditions, and I persuade myself his Majʸ will either confirm our grants or give them such as shall be equal, if not more advantageous to them.

As there are a great number of shalloways and other fishing boats here, if they were given to such poor familys as woud settle, it woud be a great encouragemᵗ to them. If you approve of this, and we shoud publish it in all the Collonys, I make no doubt but we might soon see such a number of inhabitants here as will be able with a proper garrison to support this country against the power of France. I am, with esteem, Sir,

Your most obedᵗ humble servᵗ.

P. WARREN.

Lieuᵗ General PEPERELL, &cᵃ.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

CANSO, Jun. 27, 1745.

HON^D SIR, — Last Sunday Capt Beckett came in from the Gutt of Canso with a letter from Capt Fones, dated the 22^d ins^t, advising that that day week he met with the French & Indians, as he tho't to the number of twelve hundred, but gave them so warm a reception that he caused them to retire with precipitance, & for particulars referd to Capt Beckett, & sent also a letter to Adm^l Warren. But there being no vessell in the harbour fit to put to sea I could not forward the advice. Yesterday, Capt Tyng past by the harbour, but I was not able to put a letter on board him, notwithstanding I fired three guns at about four minutes distance one after the other, my boat rowing off from the harbour all the time. To-day Capt Beckett returnd into the harbour, and informs me he is bound to Chappeaurouge Bay, with a packett from Capt Fones to the Admiral, & by him y^r Hon^r will be informd of the action at Tackmagush much better than I can relate it at second hand; but begg leave to observe to y^r Hon^r that I think it most probable this formidable army having met with so little success at sea will soon quit their sloops & schooners & take to their canoos, which y^r Hon^r well knows they can repair in a few hours, or if they have not one left could furnish themselves in one day at this season of the year with canoos enough to pass any of the bays, gutts, or rivers that lye in their way towards Cape Breton, and in their passage it is most probable they will take care to avoid Capt Fones & Capt Donahew, and come over the carrying places to Sheetabucter or White Head, which will be very handy to pay us a visit (in their way to y^r Hon^r), and then land at St Peters or some place near it; and I am the more inclined to this opinion for that the messengers that returned from Annapolis to Cape Breton with the notice that this

army was coming passed by the island of Madam, as I inform'd y^r^ Hon^r^, the 26th of May last. I hope y^r^ Hon^r^ will be provided to receive them at the camp in case y^e^ are not in possession of the city before their arrival. But had much rather a number of our small cruizers should intercept them before they land on Cape Breton, which I think there is a great probability they might do, were a considerable number of them stationed round the western part of the island. I have so often repeated to y^r^ Hon^r^ the defencless condition of these troops for want of tools & materialls to fortify the place, & ammunition & proper arms to defend themselves, that I think I shall be justified before God, let their fate be as it will, after the best defence I can make; but I hope to receive a better supply by Lt. Stansbury, and a sufficient reinforcement of these troops with a proper guard vessell for this harbour, agreeable to what his Excellency Govr Shirley was pleased to let me know I might expect. I wish y^r^ Hon^r^ success & victory, and am

Y^r^ Hon^r's^ most obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

AMMI R. CUTTER.

To Lt Genl PEPPERRELL.

P. S. I have but three weeks provisions for these troops. A. R. C.

I have sent by Capt Beckett a rough model of a flying bridge to scale the walls of Louisbourg, if y^r^ Hon^r^ is not in possession of ye city already. It is to be covered with thin boards & cleets to be nailed across, two feet apart, to prevent the men from slipping as they go over, & if there be danger of fire may be covered with raw hides, &c. It is constructed by a scale of four feet to an inch, supposed to rise thirty feet, & to be wide eno' for eight men to pass abrest, & may have rails to prevent the men from falling off it as y^y^ pass. A thousand men may pass over it in four minutes from the time the first man passes the

wall, & may be built so light that twenty men may carry it on their shoulders, & raise it in a minute after it is bro't to the wall. There may be two, three, or four of them built for a small expence, & will have this advantage above scaling at a breach, that any part of ye city wall may be chosen that is least suspected of mines, or any new fortifications within the wall, & may be moved from one place to another as there may be occasion. It requires only two single blocks & two double blocks, & two hundred fathoms of three inch rope to rigg it.

A. R. C.

RICHARD WALDRON TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honorable Lieu^t^ General Pepperrell, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Troops at the Camp before Louisbourg, on the Island Breton.

Honble Sir, — My last was of the 27th of April by Ward, & acknowledged the receipt of your favour of the 9th of the same month by Fletcher's prize from Canso. I would write you by every opportunity, but you have so many friends at Boston who can give you better intelligence that I forbear lest my correspondence should be troublesome. However, when anything occurrs to me that affects your reputation the friendship I owe you, and the regard I have for your charecter, constrains me to impart it. Accordingly I have inclosed a copy of what has bên laid before our Assembly, which shows a complaint has gone from hence to Boston against you for injustice.* Who sent the information from the camp

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* The following extract, in the handwriting of Waldron. and marked "Copy," is filed with this letter: "Council Chamber, June 17, 1745. Paragraph of his Ex^cy^ Govr Shirley's letter, upon his Excellency's complaining that the New Hamp^r^ regiment was put on extraordinary duty, &ca. I had not read your Excellency's favour by the post when I dispatch'd my express. I cant think Mr Pepperrell is capable of doing injustice to the New Hamp^r^ regiment, but I desire you would be pleased to let your people know that if any thing of that kind has happened, I will be personally answerable for their good usage for the future, and shall send express orders for that purpose to the General." — Eds.

hither I have not heard, but I presume you will be able to make a near guess, without the spirit of prophesy. I hope my son's behaviour has bên, and will be, such as to merit your favour, and if so, I promise myself you'l have him in remembrance if an opportunity should offer for his promotion. I wish you health and victory and a safe return, and am, dear Sir,

Your most obedient and obliged humble servant.

RICH^{D} WALDRON.

PORTSM^{O}, June 28th, 1745.

P. S. How gentlemanlike would it have bên upon receiving an information against you to have acquainted you with it, and desired justice; and how much is it the reverse to make a complaint against you, and then to lay the answer before the Assembly, and thereby publish it to the world.

Yo^{rs}. R. W.

Honble General PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

LOUISBOURG, June 28th, 1745.

SIR, — In answer to your favour of yesterday, I would observe to you that the same reasons wch you suggest therein, vizt, the advances of the summer and the impracticableness of effecting repairs and of our having communication with his Majesties other settlements prompted the Council to advise that this place should be immediately repaired as far as is necessary for the defence thereof, and the accommodation of the army, and safety of the provisions & stores, and as we cou'd not presume to engage his Majesty's pay to the workmen, we had no other expedient but to refer their pay to the respective governments who assisted in the expedition till their mind may be known upon it, apprehending that it lays

with those our constituents to make application to his Majesty for reimbursements of the expence. But if you are willing to draw for the same, I shall with pleasure acquiesce therein, and the army shall attend under proper overseers & take the directions of Mr Bastide, his Majes^{s} Engineer, to do everything of that nature wch there are materials here to effect, and I have wrote to Govr Shirley that we wanted a large supply of all materials for repairs, & I'm perswaded he will hasten the same. As to firewood the Council voted several days since that a number of the transports should be sent to fetch in all the wood cut in the neighbouring places, of which am inform'd there are some thousands of cords, and they only wait your leave to proceed thereon, wth a suitable guard vessell, either one of our cruizers or any other you think proper. As to the necessary supply of provissions, I don't know what further method I can at present take for procuring them, more than what has been done by notifying the governments of N. Eng^{d} of the necessity of a supply till his Majesties commands can be known. I immagine the letters you wrote to the Govern^{rs} of the several colonies will engage them to assist in said supply. As to ammunition & other warlike stores, I have also wrote Govern^{r} Shirley, and you know, S^{r}, in our joint letter to the Duke of Newcastle, we represented the necessity of a large supply of all kinds, also of provissions & troops wch letter hope will arrive early to his Grace. I am entirely ready to come into any measures that shall be thought adviseable for the encouragement of any persons & families who are willing to settle here, & everything else in my power for compleating the affair we have been already so happy as to make so good progress in, and am, with esteem, S^{r},

Your most humble serv^{t}.

W. P.

Honble Commodore WARREN.

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† N. B. All the officers' names were sent home, placed according to their rank. — *Marginal Note.*

that they have with the utmost chearfulness endured almost incredible hardships, not only those necessarily incident to a camp in such an inclement climate, where their lodging and accommodations cou'd not be but of the poorest sort, but also in landing and transporting with infinite industry and pains our heavy artillery (some of which were 42^{lbs} cannon) several miles in cold foggy nights over almost impassible bogs, morasses and rocky hills, also in landing the warlike stores and provisions, in doing which they were extreamly exposed; and at the same time we were oblig'd to keep out large detachments to range the woods in order to intercept and disperse parties of the French and Indian enemy who were gathering together behind us, with whom we had several skirmishes, in all which we routed the enemy, killed and wounded many of them, and took upwards of two hundred prisoners. Several sallies were made from the town, in all which we repuls'd the enemy wth very little loss on our side, and we have been so happy thro' God's goodness as not to lose above 100 men by the enemy in the whole of this great enterprize. They held out against a close siege of forty-nine days, during wch time we rais'd five fascine batteries, from whence, and a large battery deserted by the enemy on our landing, we gave them above nine thousand cannon ball and about six hundred bombs, wch greatly distressed them and much damaged their fortifications, and in perticular rendered useless the most considerable battery of the town (call'd the Circular Battery) which mounted sixteen large cannon & very much commanded the harbour. The fatigue of our men in all these services was so great that we had near fifteen hundred sick at a time. Notwithstanding all which they not only continued to express the greatest zeal to go on vigorously against the enemy, but in general generously acquiesced in the loss of the plunder they expected from the riches of the city, and tho'

undisciplined troops I am perswaded his Majesty has not in his dominions a number of subjects more universally loyal, or that could possibly express greater readiness to spend their lives in the cause they were embarked in for his Majesty's honour and the good of their country. I esteem it a peculiar favour and of the happiest consequence that his Majesty's ships sent so timely to our assistance were under the command of a gentleman of such distinguished merit and so universally belov'd in N. Eng[d] as Commodore Warren. He has constantly exerted himself to give the army all possible assistance, and the same day that a suspension of hostilities was desired by the enemy, we had determin'd upon a general assault by land and sea, and for the better manning the ships for that purpose it was agreed to spare them six hundred men out of our troops. I have the honour also to inform your Grace that in our way from New Eng[d] we stopt at Canso, and began to rebuild the fortification there, which the French destroy'd last year, and left eight cannon with the necessary stores and eighty men of the troops to compleat and defend the same, which hope will meet with his Majesty's gracious approbation. We have also destroy'd the town and fort of S[t] Peters and several other considerable settlements upon this island; and may the happy success of this expedition against Louisbourg (the pride of France) whereby his Majesty has the key of the great river of S[t] Lawrence, and by w[ch] the absolute command of the fishery and indeed very much of the whole trade of North America is secured to his Majesty's subjects, be an happy prelude to the reduction of all the French settlements in America, in which, will your Grace permit me to say, I am confident his Majesty's New English subjects will at all times be ready to contribute their utmost assistance, as far as their circumstances will admit of. And his Majesty's great goodness leaves no room to doubt but that he will be

graciously pleas'd to express his royal favour toward those who engag'd in this expedition in such manner as will animate them and their countrey to proceed further with the greatest chearfullness. I must not omitt to acquaint your Grace that the French in conjunction wth the Indian enemy had prepared to besiege the garrison of Annapolis Royal this summer; seven or eight hundred of them having gathered together there, expecting, as 'tis said, an armament from France to join them, but were call'd off from thence to the relief of Louisbourg, but did not arrive in season. It appears there were notwithstanding about 2000 men able to bear arms in the city when it was surrendered.

I now have the honour to inclose also to your Grace an account of the state of this fortress, and of the stores found here, and beg your Grace's leave to mention that the inclemency of this climate will render it absolutely necessary that perticular care be taken for the warm cloathing and lodging of the troops posted here. I presume his Majesty will be pleas'd forthw^th^ to make known his royall pleasure relating to this important place, 'till which time I shall endeavour with the utmost loyalty and my best discretion to promote the security and good regulation thereof, and beg leave to subscribe myself, with all possible duty & respect, may it please your Grace,

Your Grace's most obed^t^ and most humble serv^t^.

W. P.

LOUISBOURG, June 28th, 1745.

His Grace, the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, &c., &c., &c.

J. H. BASTIDE TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

LOUISBOURG, June the 28th, 1745.

S^r^, — Inclosed I send you a general account and estimate of the repairs immediately wanted to the fortifications of this town and batterys, and to the publick

buildings in the town and the batterys, the total of which is, sterling money, £9033.8.6. You have occasion for a great stock of lumber, lime, bricks, iron, nails, spikes, shingles, clapboards, and window glass. I am, with great esteem, S^r^,

Your most humble and most obed^t^ serv^t^.

J. H. BASTIDE.

Honble Lieut^t^ Gen^ll^ PEPPEREL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

LOUISBOURG, June 29th, 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — Inclos'd is copy of my last ℔ Bennet, who sail'd from hence 20th ins^t^. This minute (being evening) Capt Cornwall informs me that he is to sail for Boston at break of day to-morrow morning, so that can only acquaint your Excellency we have improv'd every moment of time since being here in getting things into good order. The Council of War has advis'd to employing the army in making some repairs in the works. Copy of their vote whereon have inclos'd to your Excellency. I am also advis'd by them earnestly to request your Excellency's coming to Louisbourg as soon as possible, which they unanimously apprehend will be of very great advantage ; and I hope your Excellency will be so good as to favour us wth your presence here very soon. Capt Bosch sail'd for England 22^d^ ins^t^ with Capt Montague on board, who carried wth him a joint letter from Commodore Warren & myself to the Duke of Newcastle, copy of which have inclos'd. The Commodore has also ordered Rous to Eng^d^ with duplicate of your letter ℔ Bosch, and since I have been writing this the Capt tels me by the Commodore's direction that he had ordered him to be ready to sail at an hour's warn^g^, and prays my letters immediately, which obliges me to beg

your Excellency's leave to omitt being perticular 'till Capt Saunders sails, which will be to-morrow or the next day, by whom shall send your Excellency copies of what I propose to write to Eng^{d} & Rous. I have inclosed herewith duplicates of the capitulation. I am much concern'd about a sufficient supply of warlike stores & provisions to be laid in in season.

I believe the report of the Indians being near us in such a body was false. Commodore Warren is preparing to send off the French officers & their families in the Lanceston, with whom several of our transports are to sail for France with prisoners; hope the town will be ready for the reception of your Excellency in an agreable manner before the return of the man of war. I am, may it please your Excellency, wth all possible respect,

Your Excellency's most obed^{t} and most humb. serv^{t}.

W. P.

His Excellency Govr SHIRLEY, &c., &c., &c.

GIDEON WANTON * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

S^{r}, — This serves to acquaint you that we have raised in this Colony three companies of soldiers for his Majesty's service in the expedition (of which you have the honour of the principal command) against Louisbourg on the island of Cape Breton. The names of the captains are Richard Mumford, William Smith, & Joshua Champlin, who, I hope, will answer the characters they sustain.

I am desired by our General Assembly to request that they may be added to the regiment raised in the Colony of Connecticut and be under the care of the commander thereof. I heartily wish you all the success imaginable

* Gideon Wanton was born in Tiverton, Rhode Island, October 20, 1693, and died Sept. 12, 1767. He was for many years Treasurer of Rhode Island, and for two years Governor. See Arnold's History of Rhode Island, vol. ii. p. 171; Coll. of R. I. Hist. Soc., vol. viii. p. 98, note. — EDS.

in bringing this affair to a happy conclusion by the surrender of the place, being with great respect, S^r^,

Your most humble serv^t^.

GID^N^ WANTON.

NEWPORT ON RHODE ISLAND.
29th June, 1745.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.*

LEWISBURG, the 30th June, 1745.

SIR, — In answer to your favour of the 28th I am of oppinion that whatever you shall draw upon the Collonys for the suport and defence of this important garrison will be repay'd with thanks by his Majesty and the government at home; and that it is absolutely necessary as soon as possible to begin ye repairs of it and of the town to make it tenable and habitable for the troops all ye world y^t^ sees it must allow. I am willing to joyn you in every thing that is in my power towards effecting so good a work, and if you think the Collonys have not given you power to draw on them for this purpose, I will in conjunction with you venture to draw on the Treasury of England for as much as is absolutely necessary for the safty of the garison till the King's pleasure shall be known. A very great sum cannot be expended till y^t^ happens. If you agree with my sentiments in this we ought to mention it in our joynt letter to ye Duke of Newcastle; and when we draw a Treasurer should be appointed for the payment of the mony & ye regular expense of it, y^t^ ye accounts be as clear and fair as possible. If I knew what wood sloops you wou'd have go, I think Fletcher woud do to convoy them. I hope my circular letters to ye Governours will induce them to send us supplys both of men & provisions, but I dont think it can be intirely depended upon. We shoud therefore provide

* This letter is wholly in the handwriting of Warren. — EDS.

against such a disapointment. If they send us men then I think as many of those y^t^ want to return to their familys shoud have leave to do it, and I beleive a proper advertizement sent to all the Collonys setting forth the incouragement y^t^ we woud give setlers here and ye tenure of the soil woud induce many to come, if they know we have recomended that a civil goverment be establish'd here, & this made a free port. 'Tis not in my oppinion to be imagined that his Majesty can expect ye Collonys are able to bear ye expence of mantaining this fortress and territory which in its consequence is so valuable to Great Britain in general, as well as to ye Collonys in particular. I shall be glad to have the opinion of your Council on this head, and am, with great regard, Sir,

Your most humble & obed^t^ serv^t^.

P. WARREN.

Gen^ll^ PEPERELL.

BENJAMIN COLMAN * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

MOST HONOURED & DEAR SIR, — As our prayers to the God of Heaven, the God of ye sea & land, have followed you & our dear brethren in the army & fleet from ye day you left us, so have our praises & thanksgivings been ascending from time to time, as we heard of ye surprising interpositions of Providence in our favour, together with ye growing courage & successes given to ye army, under a continued health & wise conduct.

But O, ye joy to us, Sir, this morning to hear of ye surrender of ye strong city to you! & since to read ye pious ascriptions of all ye glory to ye most High God in your

* Rev. Benjamin Colman, D. D., was born in Boston, Oct. 19, 1673; graduated at Harvard College in 1692; settled over the Brattle St. Church in 1699; and died Aug. 29, 1747. He was married three times. His third wife, to whom he was married Aug. 12, 1745, was Mary, sister of Sir William Pepperrell and widow of Hon. John Frost, of Newcastle, N. H. See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. vol. iii. pp. 105–122, 220–232. — EDS.

own & the worthy officers' letters to their friends & dear relatives! ye most joyous Commencement morning we had ever seen, & we wak'd like them that dream at ye ringing of ye bells at four, with those words on our lips: "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad!" & "Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy & for Thy truth's sake!"

May ye good Lord now perfect His own work in your restoring ye broken walls & maintaining a conquest gained wth the loss of so few lives! a kind of miracle of mercy. And may we as soon as may be best for us, [have?] the joy of bowing into your & the dear Honourable Commodore Warren's arms here at Boston, as I have already today, old as I am, done to ye feet of his & your dear lady, with my humble congratulations. And may ye God of Heaven, ye God of New England, requite to you both in all the blessings of his providence & grace! & may our earthly sovereign lord, ye King, think graciously of the rewards of favour & honour due to his Excellency our Captain General & his Leiutenant & his brave Captain Warren, whom we all here (gentlemen & ladies together) long to salute *Admiral*, to ye glory of our nation, the honour of his Majesty, King George, & the further security of ye Protestant Succession in his royal house.

And now, Sir, may I be permitted to add, without sending to *Newcastle* for leave, ye hope which your hon^d^ sister, Mrs Frost, gives me of coming to my house a month hence to take it for her own. I have ye pleasure to inform your Honour that Madam Pepperel has given her consent, & that her children & sisters unanimously acquiesce in her kind inclinations. So we want only your approbation & prayers that it may be to our mutual comfort & spiritual advantage for ye very few dayes which in a course of nature can remain to us here on earth. May we all die in ye Lord & meet in that blessed world of perfect rest &

peace where there shal be no more sin or war forever. I am, Sir, with the greatest affection & regard,

Your most obedient hum. servt.

BENJAMIN COLMAN.

BOSTON, July 3, 1745.

To ye Honble Lt General PEPPEREL. Lewisburgh.

THOMAS HUBBARD* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Generall Pepperell, Esqr, in Lewisburgh. P Mr Jno Paddock. Q. D. C.

BOSTON, 4th July, 1745.

PERMITT me (much hond Sir) to congratulate you on the very remarkable appearance of Divine Providence in the marvellous salvation wrought for New England in the reduction of Lewisbourgh. The finger of God has been so conspicuous in every circumstance of this expedition that I doubt not but you, the fleet & army joyn with us in placeing the crown on His head & in giveing Him the glory whose is the majesty & the victory. But as God works by second causes, we would accompt it (without the least flattery of you) one of the greatest favours, & as remarkable in providence as any, that He should make choice of you & the brave Commodore Warren as the instruments of so wonderfull a salvation, whose memorys will be dear to New England to the latest posterity. I am sure you would be pleas'd with the smiles sitting on almost every one's countenance on so joyfull an occasion. This town has already manifested their joy in the most beautifull illumination the last evening that ever my eyes beheld,

* Thomas Hubbard was born in Boston, August 4, 1702, graduated at Harvard College in 1721, and died in Boston, July 15, 1773. He early distinguished himself by diligence and fidelity. He was a member of the House of Representatives, and Speaker for many years, and afterward a member of the Council, and for twenty-one years Treasurer of Harvard College. See Twenty-fourth Report of Boston Record Commissioners, p. 15; Quincy's History of Harvard University, vol. ii. pp. 158, 159; Mem. Hist. of Boston, vol. ii. p. 455. — EDS.

besides a great variety of most curious fireworks never before acted here. But what I doubt not will be most agreable to you is that the goverment design in a very short time to set apart a day of solemn thanksgiveing to God for so remarkable a favour, with a strict prohibition of any thing of an externall show, in which I doubt not but every sincere heart will be entirely engaged, & am sorry I cant tell you the day that we might enjoy your company in so heavenly an employment.

But what has more immediately engaged my writeing you at present is, the bearer hereof (Mr John Paddock) is a young man that served his time with me, his circumstances but low in the world, & the present expedition haveing stagnated business so much that he had nothing to do at home, I advised him to take this turn to Lewisburgh, with a small adventure, to see what he could do there. And as his carriage with me dureing his apprenticeship was such both as to honesty, industry & activity as I think will recommend him (when known) to the world, so I take this freedom to mention him to you, begging your countenance of him (as farr as honour & justice will pmitt) more especially in case of any difficulty by reason of a *press*, & as I am assured that kind & generous treatment is most agreable to your nature, so I flatter myself you will show it him in any instances you are capable of for my sake.

And as a close of all I would again recommend you most heartily to Almighty God for his further protection, direction, & blessing, that after the fatigues of a short life you may inherit Eternall Glory, and am sincerely

Your Honour's most obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

THO^S^ HUBBARD.

Gen. PEPPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAR.

Louisbourg, July 4th, 1745.

Hon^{BLE} Gentlemen,—When I was in the camp I pleas'd myself that if we got into the city I should have time to express to you my gratefull sentiments of the kind concern and care you have shewn for us thro' the whole of the expedition, on the happy success of which I heartily congratulate you and our country. But I have been more hurried than ever since we are come into the city in putting affairs into a proper disposition, getting of the French, hearing petitions from all quarters to go home, and in a multiplicity of other business, wch must be my excuse for any appearance of neglect to my honoured brethren. I rec^{d} your favour last night by Giddins; it is with the greatest gratitude that I and every one here received the news of our country's resolution still to assist us in the prosecution of our design, the good consequences of our success wherein will, I trust, descend to our latest posterity. I have rec^{d} many kind letters from my brethren of the General Court and others of my friends, which must beg the favour of you to excuse my not answering. I earnestly desire an opportunity to New England to let them & you know how much I am their & your

Most obed^{t} humb. serv^{t}.

W. P.

The Honble Jno Osborn, Esqr, & the other Honble Members of the Com^{tee} of War of the Massa. Bay.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

May it please your Excellency,—My last was by the Hector, man of war, Capt Cornwall, who saild for Boston 30th ult^{o}, duplicate of which I now inclose to your

Excellency, also copies of my letters to the Duke of Newcastle and Lords of the Admiralty, and a list of the artillery & warlike stores here, and of Mr Bastide's estimate of the repairs necessary, likewise duplicate of the advice of the Council of War relating to s^d^ repairs and copy of their further advice thereon wch hope will be acceptable to your Excellency. By the last you'll find it is propos'd that bills be drawn by Commodore Warren & myself on his Majesty's Treasury for payment of s^d^ repairs, which he is very confident will be honoured, which bills are to be dispos'd of for sterling money in order to pay off the workmen weekly, the better to encourage them therein; and the Council have made choice of two treasurers jointly to receive and pay s^d^ money, one of which was nominated by me and the other by Commodore Warren, and the repairs are to be carried on as fast as possible under the direction of Mr Bastide, but all kinds of materials therefor are wanted, of which he has given in a list, copy of which also have herewith inclos'd, and pray your Excellency would be pleas'd to give such orders as your wisdom shall think best, there being but a very small quantity of any of these species here at present.

I find many in the army are very impatient to return home, and plead your Excellency's proclamation; they are also very desirous that some suitable person should go to England that their services in this expedition may be justly and fully represented, and the Council have requested & urged me to go in Rous, & to take wth me a gen^t^ from the Connect^t^ and N. Hampshire regiments, but as I imagine that I ought not to leave my station here 'till your Excellency's mind is known thereon I have declin'd it, but as your presence here is earnestly requested & expected, I shall impatiently wait for that favour in order to your Excellen^y's^ giving the necessary directions relating to this place and army, and that I may obtain leave to return to my family. In the mean time shall

permit none of the troops to return but such persons as the committee appointed for that purpose shall advise to. Capt Rous has brought from Annapolis 2 mortars and sundry stores which it is thought adviseable should be retain'd here at present; those sent from Boston I propose to return by first opportunity. Commodore Warren has taken 100^{bbls} more of powder out of the Annapolis storeship, to be replaced with the other 50^{bbls} in Boston, wch I promised to recommend to your Excellency. The principal French officers wth their families & several of the inhabitants are at last, not without difficulty, embarked on board the Lanceston, and several transports are saild for Rochfort in France yesterday, being about 1200.

Monsieur Duchambon at going off insisted on a ratification of the capitulation which was accordingly made, copy of which have now also inclosed to your Excellency. I am much concern'd for a seasonable supply of provissions. There being many necessaries on board some of the prizes here which the army are in great want of, it was thought adviseable that proper officers should be appointed for the legal tryal & condemnation of them, and I have joind with Commodore Warren in erecting a Court of Admiralty for that purpose for the present exigency.

Capt Rous is to sail for Eng^{d} wth his dispatches to-morrow. Capt Becket is arrived here from the Gut of Canso, and informs that the Rhode Island sloop wth Donahew and himself met wth four vessells full of French & Ind^{ns} in the Bay of Verte, suppos'd to be those from Annapolis, wth whom they had a skirmish, but that they retreated to the head of the Bay and escaped.

Your Excellency will please to observe that in the letter to the Duke of Newcastle we mention our thoughts of a treaty with the Indians, and we imagine it might be of good consequence, if the Indians taken by Capt Donahew should be sent here. Since the above, I have your

Excellency's favour p^r^ Giddins, and observe wth the greatest gratitude the kind concern & care your Excellency & our country in the supplies sent, wch are not unseasonable tho' we are so happy as to be within the city. The army is yet in great want of shoes, hose, and cloathing of all kinds. I shall pay all regard to your Excellency's recommendations, & have delivered your messages to the Brigadiers & Col^o^ Bradstreet. Was it not for the reason before mentioned, and that I am afraid it would make an uneasiness in the army, I should take the first opportunity to repair to N. Eng^d^. I am, wth all duty & respect,

Your Excellency's most obed^t^ and most humb. serv^t^.

W. P.

LOUISBOURG, July 4th, 1745.

His Excelleucy Govr SHIRLEY, &c., &c., &c.

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE, — You will herewith receive a duplicate of our letter of 18th June, sent by Capt Montague, and as his miscarriage would be of the worst consequence in our present scituation, we think it highly necessary and for his Majesty's service, to dispatch this second express by Capt Geary of one of his Majesty's ships, who can inform your Grace what is proper to be done for the security of this important garrison and territory. We think nothing can do it so effectually as y^t^ of establishing as soon as possible a civil government and free port for a term of years under a good governour and magistracy, with a power to grant lands upon the easiest terms to such of his Majesty's subjects as shall be willing to settle here, & to keep a garrison of three thousand regular troops till a peace, or a number of inhabitants are settled in this city & territory, either of

which will give room to lessen the number of troops at present absolutely necessary for the support of this garrison, and as such a number of regular troops may not be easily and in time sent from Eng^{d}, we apprehend that if his Majesty would be graciously pleas'd to establish two regiments of New England forces, consisting of one thousand men each, under their own officers, and send another of a thousand regular troops from home, it would be sufficient, with a squadron of ships to maintain this garrison and to prepare for any further conquest his Majesty may undertake in these parts, and would also highly oblige all his Majesty's loyall subjects in his American dominions. As we have no power from the Colonies to put them to any expence for the repairs or maintainance of this garrison, we are therefore under a necessity of drawing upon the Treasury for such sums as shall be absolutely necessary for putting it in a posture of deffence 'till his Majesty's pleasure shall be signified to us.

We send your Grace as perfect a plan and state of the ordnance stores as the engineer could furnish us with in so short a time and as estimate of the repairs immediately necessary. Thirty pieces of cannon, 32 pounders, would be of infinite service to this fortress. We are using our endeavours to put it into the best posture we can, and beg leave to refer your Grace to Capt Geary. The troops that his Majesty shall think sufficient to garrison this place should, at least 'till the country is well inhabited be supplied by his Majesty with provisions as those at Gibralter are, for 'till then they can't possibly be supply'd here, and the inclemency of this climate will make it absolutely necessary that perticular care be taken for their warm cloathing & lodging. Capt Rous, who commands one of the Colony cruizers, and carries this express home, did great service last year in distressing the enemies' fishery at Newfoundland, and as he is a very brisk gallant man, and will in any future scheme of this

kind be very usefull, nobody knowing their situation better, we humbly beg leave to recommend him to your Grace's and the Admiralty's favour that he may have the command of one of his Majesty's sailing snows, and be sent immediately out to the New England station, under the direction of the commanding sea officer, to whom he will be of the greatest service.

We have it now under consideration how to enter upon a treaty with the Indians in the French King's interest upon this part of the continent, several of which are in our hands, taken in this expedition, who have the highest notion of our arms since the reduction of this garrison, wch they look'd upon as impregnable, and fear that we shall extend our conquest to Quebeck & all Canada, in which if we proceed they know they must come over to us or be destroy'd. We therefore think it a very proper time to begin such a treaty, and if a few presents for them were sent over, we make no doubt but it would have a peculiar good tendency toward our success therein.

We now inclose to your Grace a copy of the ratification of the capitulation, and are, may it please your Grace,

Your Grace's most obed^t^ and most humble serv^ts^.

P. W. W. P.

Louisbourg, July 4th, 1745.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO CHRISTOPHER KILBY.*

Louisbourg, July 4th, 1745.

S^r^, — With the utmost pleasure I now congratulate you on the happy issue of the expedition against Cape

* Christopher Kilby was born in Boston, May 25, 1705, and was bred to commercial pursuits. After carrying on a large business in his native town for several years, he went to England in 1739, where the larger part of his remaining years was spent. He died there in October, 1771. He was a generous benefactor to his native town, and his memory is kept alive by an important street which was named for him after the great fire of March, 1770. See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. vol. xxvi. pp. 43–48. — Eds.

Breton, which was effected thro' God's goodness by the surrender of Louisbourg, &c., on the 16th June, a perticular account of which and the state of the place & army I transmitt to the Duke of Newcastle by this opportunity, and have ordered the bearer of my dispatches to wait on you immediately on his arrival in London. I'm well perswaded, Sr, you'll improve this happy opportunity to have our country recommended to his Majesty's favour, who have by this enterprize involved themselves in a prodigious expence, vastly beyond what was thought of at the first setting out, and which they will never wade through, if they should not be reimbursed from home. Commodore Warren, whose being here with a squadron of his Majesty's ships was very happy, has join'd with me in representing to his Grace our hopes and expectations of his Majesty's peculiar favour to the troops employ'd in this occasion and the advantage of making this a civil government, and Louisbourg a free port for several years, without which I doubt very much of this island's being settled by the English. Our men have undergone almost incredible hardships with the utmost chearfullness, having been oblig'd to transport our heavy artillery over almost impassible bogs, morasses, and rocky hills in cold, foggy nights, also in landing and transporting our warlike stores and provissions, keeping out large parties in the woods to prevent the French & Indians from falling on us, besides a thousand other hardships necessarily incident to a camp in such an inclement climate where the foggs are almost continual. The prodigious labour & fatigue of our men occasioned many of them to fall sick so that we had once near fifteen hundred incapable of service, but few have died, and we have not in this vast enterprize lost above one hundred men by the enemy, about sixty of which were at an attempt made upon the Island Battery. We had the day the enemy sent out a truce come to an agreement with Commodore Warren to make

a general attack by land & sea the first opportunity; he was pleas'd to say he should not think it prudent to venture into the harbour with three times the number of ships he had here unless our army had been here. Upon the enemies' desire to capitulate, it was our joint opinion that it was by all means adviseable to come to terms with them, rather than to hazard the King's ships as well as men's lives. The enemy held out against a close siege of forty-nine days, in which we gave them from our fascine batteries and the Grand Battery, which they deserted on our arrival, upwards of nine thousand cannon balls and about six hundred bombs, which made the place too hot to stir in, especially after we got a battery opposite to the Island Battery, from whence we play'd on it with very good success. Our scouts had also several skirmishes with parties of the French and Indian enemy in the woods, in all which we routed and dispersed them, killed & wounded several, and took many prisoners. The enemy also made several sallies from the garrison, but were soon repulsed by us. I hope to write you more at large in a short time. Our province as likewise the province of New Hampshire & Connecticut gave me the honour of having a command from each of them to be at the head of the forces. I make no doubt you will do all in your power to serve the country, in which you will oblige

Your very humb. servt.

W. P.

Mr Cs Kilby.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble William Pepperrell, Esqr, Lieut General of his Majesty's Forces att Luisbourg. p Mr Royall.

Boston, July 5th, 1745.

Honp Sir, — The last time I wrote you was by Capt Giddings. Since, & for a long time before, I have not

had the favour of a line from you. I intended you ere this some quantity of fresh stock, but have not been able to get any fowles, geese, or ducks, excepting such as are too young for ye sea. The government have sent sheep, hogs, &c., &c., or you would have had thereof from me.

I have now to congratulate you, & I most heartily do, upon the signal success you have been favoured with in reducing a place of the utmost importance to your country, and I have the sattisfaction to assure you it is highly pleasing to New England, and was no small occasion to ye joy & happiness of the day (being the 3d currant) celebrated on the news of as remarkable a victory as (perhaps) has ever been atchieved, that without diminishing the honour or sullying the glory of the brave Comodore, the conquest may be in a great measure ascribed (under God) to our New England forces. The President in his oration at Cambridge did you all the honour he could, nor can you think how much you'l be had in esteem by good men of all ranks. I cant write Coll^o^ Waldo.. I heartily wish him joy & all the rest of your friends. I am now concerned least you should yet be a long while from yor family. But I hope it will be consistent for you to return in a short time. I should be glad to be determined in this point. Amidst all my joy I have been greatly mortifyed that there is not an officer of some rank from the army been dispatched distinctly (or at least joyntly with Mr Montagu appointed to ye office by & on behalf of Comodore Warren) to carry the news immediately from you to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle. This, its said here, you have left intirely to Comodore Warren (and though I know not how to credit ye report) give me leave to say that if you have not wrote his Grace already by one of the army, its of very great importance to the country and to your family yet to do it, and I beg you'l not leave it to the Governour or Comodore, but in your address to his Grace ask for the government of Cape Breton, & you

may in this case fully expect it, as its the least compliment the Crown can make you; it will be worth, salary, cloathing ye militia, &c., together 3 or 4,000£, four thousand pounds sterling ℔ annum. This you may depend upon, and moreover that Governour Phillips has had a comm^n^ for Annapolis, though he has lived in England at his ease 'till he has acquired by ye post an estate of 100,000£ sterling. Therefore I consider you may enjoy your family, & the post too, without any difficulty. I have wrote to all my friends in England on this occasion, & I hope you'l not be wanting to send hither two or three copys of your letter to his Grace, least the other should miscarry that you send from Cape Breton, that so I may forward them to some friend of yo^rs^ or mine of distinction in England to be delivered his Grace. You have some friends in Parliament to whom you'l write & also to all your correspondents. Do sufferr me, Sir, to press this matter upon you. Our friend M^r^ W—— may endeavour after it. But I beleive you may depend upon it, if you observe the method I have in my zeal been so free as to recomend.

You have herewith copy of a letter from an officer in the army which was read, in my absence, in the House, but thrown aside with deserved contempt. I have thought it my duty to send it to you. I should be much oblidged to you for any advices in point of trade between this & Luisbourg, if there is any encouragement to pursue ye same, and must also beg you'l dismiss Mr Bragdon & our sloop, of wch Capt Mitchell is master; and if any fishing rooms may be laid out at Cape Breton & Canso without much cost, say for a small matter, be so good as to secure one at each place for it. Therefore with submission, Sir, I must entreat you'l not be wanting to yo^r^self in so important an affair. If you think I can do you any good by going home, send me your comands, & I will go with all chearfullness. But do

let it be a secret that I offer my service, till I have the happiness of seeing you.

The bearer, Mr Royall, I have been much entreated by his uncle, Jacob Royal, Esqr, to recom̃end him to you. I hope you'l excuse my freedom, & serve him as he may merit it from you. I am, with the greatest esteem & affection, hon^d^ Sir,

Y^r^ ob^t^ son & serv^t^.

N. SPARHAWK.

General PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, July 7, 1745.

SIR,—I have the pleasure of receiving by Capt Bennet your account of the reduction of Cape Breton with its dependencies to the obedience of his Majesty, upon which I congratulate you and the other officers and the whole army under your command, who by their late bravery and unparallell'd services before Louisbourg have lay'd a most lasting foundation for the wealth, peace, and prosperity of this country, and acquir'd an honour to themselves and glory to the New England arms which must make a shining part of the English history to the latest posterity.

I approve of the terms of the capitulation which you and Commodore Warren granted to the enemy; for had Louisbourg been carried by storm the conquest must in all human probability have cost the lives of 1000 or 1500 brave New England men, which I should have esteem'd an irreparable loss, whereas the army's disappointment of the plunder of the town may be recompens'd to 'em by their King and country, for obtaining which and every thing else in my power for their service my best endeavours, they may depend upon it, shall be exerted.

It is a special favour of the Divine Providence which has most remarkably attended our forces thrô the whole course of this enterprize that this formidable fortress has been gain'd with the loss of only about 100 men, as you inform me. And I hope the whole army will most thankfully and devoutly acknowledge it to the Lord of Hosts, their protector, who has thus graciously subdued their enemies for 'em, as I design their brethren in this Province shall do in a day of solemn thanksgiving to be observ'd on the 18th instant.

It will be necessary for you to stay with the forces at Louisbourg 'till I shall receive his Majesty's pleasure concerning it, which I hope I may do speedily, and I now send you orders accordingly; and I doubt not but the same principles of loyalty to their King and love to their country, which first led the troops to make this glorious acquisition, will still warm their hearts and make 'em desirous to preserve it from falling again into the enemy's hands, before his Majesty shall have garrison'd it, and that they will continue to yield till that time a most dutiful and willing obedience to your command, and particularly that they will not sully the honour of their arms by any murmurs or discontent or strife among 'em. There is honour enough gain'd by their late services for ten times their number of troops to share with satisfaction.

I design, if his Majesty's service does not indispensably require my attendance at Boston, to come to the army the latter end of this month, and attend the service there for five or six weeks, and would have the Massachusetts frigate come without delay to Boston to fetch me, if the Commodore can spare it. Mrs Shirley will come with me, and perhaps two or three more, and should I go in the Lark, some of the company which is to attend on Mrs Warren must be shut out of that vessell, which I should be loath to have done. But I shall come out in com-

pany with the Lark. I am, Sir, to yourself and the whole army,

A most assur'd friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

Honble Gen PEPPERILL.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, July 7th, 1745.

SIR, — You will perceive that the inclos'd is calculated for the army; and I accordingly desire you will order it to be read at the head of every regiment by some person of a distinct and audible voice.

I have carefully noted the contents of your two last by Bennet, and shall pay a just regard to 'em. It is with infinite satisfaction that I congratulate you upon the success of the forces under your command, who deserve largely of his Majesty's favo^r^ for their extraordinary services to him and their country, for which last they have gain'd immortal honour by their behaviour under your most worthy conduct, which ought to render you dear to every man who wishes well to New England, and will, I doubt not, recommend you to his Majesty's favour.

In the midst of this joy it is no small damp to me to find that Mr Warren designs to take upon himself the chief command on shoar, the attempting which I am satisfy'd will produce great discontent here as well as in the army, and be very prejudicial to his Majesty's service in all the colonies of New England by putting an end to expeditions from hence for his Maj^ty's^ service. I have already observ'd the seeds of great discontent, both here and in letters from the camp, arising from a jealousy of this scheme, and they will soon burst out, I am affraid, into an unquenchable flame, if it is attempted to be carry'd into execution. And I can't but think it will be

censur'd by his Majesty in Council as an unwarrantable usurpation, in case the dispute should come to be decided there, as it must finally if it should arise to a dispute.

What points you may have given up to the Commodore I can't judge at this distance, but observe that the order of your signing your respective names is alter'd, and the direction from Mr Duchambon to you is inverted, the Commodore being now first nam'd in the instruments. If he should offer to assume a command over you, which he must do if he takes the chief command of the place upon himself, it will be something extraordinary indeed, and what I suppose you will not submit to, as it must detract from the honour of his Maj^ty's^ commission to me, under which you are appointed. To say the truth I am in great pain for the mischiefs that will ensue to his Majesty's service upon such an attempt, which I have mention'd to the Commodore, and to prevent the danger of 'em is the chief reason of my coming to Louisbourg. You must not have the least thought of quitting Louisbourg till we know his Majesty's pleasure concerning it. If you should desire to do it, there will be the utmost confusion and disorder, and your King and country and own honour will suffer exceedingly.

I receiv'd advice last night from the Governour of Connecticut that the Assembly there had voted 300 men more (besides the 200 lately voted) to be forthwith rais'd for the service of the expedition, provided I can procure the convoy of their own Colony sloop for 'em, or some other vessell of force, which I hope the Commodore will dispatch away to New London as soon as may be.

The French have made great rejoicing at Martinique upon news they have heard that four French men of war have enterd Louisbourg, and rais'd the siege and kill'd the Commodore. But I hope he will live to carry one of the most principal flags in England into their harbour, as he has carry'd his Commodore's into that of Louisbourg.

He is too valuable a man for his country to lose yet awhile. I have as high an opinion of his merit as you have, but he is certainly mistaken in the point I have before mention'd. I am, Sir,

Your most faithful friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

Pray excuse me to Brigadiers Waldo and Dwight and Colonel Bradstreet till next ship. The Lark is, I believe, coming in. I shall hope for an exact account of the stores and state of Louisbourg, &c^{a}, by her.

P. S. None of bomb shells are prov'd, so you must prove 'em there.

Honble Genl PEPPERILL.

AMMI R. CUTTER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

CANSO, July 7, 1745.

SIR, — This brings the malancholly news of the loss of Capt Donahue & eleven of his men last Saturday, was sennit, at a place called Fustic about a league west of the Gutt of Canso. There appeared but four Indians at first, & Capt Donahue going ashore in his launch was suddenly cutt off, notwithstanding the best endeavours of Capt Fones to cover him, being then within musquett shott of ye shore. The whole party, Capt Fones supposes, consisted of about three hundred, & was part of ye Tackmagush army. I hope y^{r} Hon. will be sufficiently cautious of ye Indians. I am afraid that by means of ye French some of our forces may fall into their hands. This forenoon Mr Richardson espyed three French or Indians under arms about two leagues to ye northward of this harbour on ye main. I hope y^{r} Hon^{r} dos not think these troops safe without walls, or any tools or materials proper to build them withal, & that we shall be better supply'd in a few days or removed to some other place.

I am obliged to y^r Hon^r & the Commodore for ye arrival of Capt Prentice & Mr Hatch, who will be able to assist me in many things; but without a supply of tools & materials we can't proceed to make ourselves in any measure defensible, & we have reason to think the Indians keep constant spies upon us, & will take the first favourable opportunity to attack us. I am, with respect,

Y^r Hon^r humb. serv^t.

AMMI R. CUTTER.

To Genl PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PAUL MASCARENE.

LOUISBOURG, July 9th, 1745.

SIR, — I received your favour by Capt Rous, and am extreamly oblig'd to you for the readiness you have shewn to comply with anything in your power for forwarding the undertaking against this place, the reduction of wch I now do myself the pleasure to congratulate you upon; it being surrendered on the 16th June on terms of capitulation, by wch we have agreed to allow the French their personal estates, and to assist them (if necessary) with vessells & provissions to transport them & effects to France, also to allow the troops to march out of the garrison with their arms & colours. The principal of the officers & others accordingly saild for Rochfort some days since in the Lanceston, man of war, and some transports. I am yet extreamly hurried in putting this strong and important place into a proper posture of defence, it being very much damaged by us in the siege. Mr Bastide will tarry here for the present to give the necessary directions in regard to the repairs. It is thought adviseable by the Com^e as well as myself & Council that the mortars & stores you was so good to send be retaind here for the present. The cruizing sloops sent to the Bay of Verte met wth four vessells full of French & Indians, wch doubtless were the party that came from

Annapolis, with whom they had a skirmish, but the enemy retreating to the head of the bay escap'd. I trust the good consequences of the reduction of this place will extend to all his Majesty's settlements in North America, even to the latest generation, and peculiarly so to Nova Scotia. I must beg pardon for not sending you at this time a perticular account of our success and scituation, wch nothing would hinder but the extream multiplicity of affairs on my hands continually. I must therefore beg leave to conclude with assuring you that I am very much

Most obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

W. P.

The Honble Paul Mascarene, Esqr, &c.

ABIEL WALLEY * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble William Pepperill, Esqr, Lieu^t^ General of his Maj^ty's Forces & Comander at Louisbourg.

Boston, July 15th, 1745.

Hon^BLE^ S^r^, — When I parted with you it was with fear & trembling, but comitting you to the care of divine Providence, hoped you would be a favourite thereof, and it appearing to be so in a very remarkable manner, you must allow me to interrupt a few minutes from your more important labours & buisness to let you know that none more sincerely rejoyces therein then I do. I would always eye the first cause, that Omnipotent God who govourns all events, that has so astonishingly disposed all things so mercifully for you and all under you in the wonderfull preservation, making all circumstances to concur to so happy event. May God have the glory, and this land enjoy a lasting blessing in it. I wish the divine

* Abiel Walley, a prominent merchant in Boston, was born in 1686, and died in 1759. See Hill's Chronological Catalogue of the Old South Church, pp. 342, 343. — Eds.

presence with you, a proper regard from the King, and immortall honours in due time from the Lord of Hosts & King of Kings. I am

Yo^{r} most humble serv^{t}.

ABIEL WALLEY.

Mrs Walley begs leave to send her best regards and good wishes.

PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

LEWISBOURG, July 16, 1745.

SIR, — From my duty to his Majesty, my concern for the support of his interest and that of my country, and from the regard I have for your honour and mine in the prosecution of his Majesty's service here, in setling this valuable conquest to the best advantage 'till his instructions are sent us, I cannot omit any longer expressing my uneasyness and utmost concern to see how little wee advance to so good an end, and how much the daily complaints of your people encrease, for want of the necessary supplys of life for their ease and preservation.

If you are in want of any thing I can possibly spare out of his Majesty's ships under my command, I shall embrace with pleasure the opportunity of assisting you and your troops; if that is not sufficient I will in obedience to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle's instructions to me again inforce my application to all the Governours of this northern continent for immediate supplys of provisions and men, to relieve such as are desirous to return to their familys, the number of which I shall be glad to be acquainted with, and of what remains, but I do not conceive that Governour Shirley's proclamation can be construd to mean that the expedition is over upon the surrender of this garrison and territorys, because nothing but keeping possession and well defending this important

acquisition can answer the end of the great expence his Majesty and the colonys have been at in the reduction of it, tho I am for indulging the men as much as the publick service will permit, and I beg leave to recommend to you, Sir, that greater care be taken by the commissarys and others concern'd in that branch in seeing that your men are duely and justly supply'd with the full allowance of provisions intended for them by the provinces, and I cannot help pitying them with regard to their cloathing, many of them being barefooted.

It gives me the greatest uneasyness to see your Council so much taken up on trivial affairs, when the safety of this garrison which is of the greatest consequence is so much neglected; and as you have inform'd me when wee consulted together on the means of raising a fund to defray the immediate necessary repairs to this place, that you was not impower'd by your constituents to put the colonys to any expence for those repairs, wee therefore then agreed (that as it was absolutely necessary to put the garrison in a better posture of defence, to make proper cover for the troops, and repair the magazines, hospitals, and publick buildings 'till his Majesty's pleasure shou'd be known) wee shou'd draw on the Treasury, and we shall have the more to answer for by our persons and estates if after such means pursu'd and granted at home we are deficient in any part of our duty, or any misapplication of such sums as we shall draw for.

Give me leave further, Sir, to tell you, that had I known you intended to give leave to such a number of your troops, as I am inform'd you have, to go home, I shou'd not have sent so many of my ships a cruizing, tho' I think it absolutely necessary in order to cut off and intercept all necessarys, and communication of the French with Quebeck, in order to make the conquest of that place more practicable next year, if his Majesty shou'd think fit to make any attempts that way in the spring.

I earnestly recommend unanimity and dispatch in your Council, and that I may from time to time be acquainted with such resolutions as they come into for his Majesty's service, which has not been so regularly observ'd hitherto as I apprehended you intended I shou'd.

And in conclusion I think nothing wou'd conduce more to the making this a flourishing collony than encourageing your troops, or any others who are willing to settle here, by granting them immediately lands and fishing-places about this city, and I am perswaded his Majesty will be graciously pleas'd for the benefit of his subjects to confirm any grants that you and I shall make them here, and so well am I convinc'd of the justice of this proceeding that I wou'd take upon me to do it myself, but that I shall always chuse to act in conjunction with you in that amicable and friendly manner which has hitherto subsisted between us, and I flatter myself will continue upon all occasions, as I am, with great esteem and regard, Sir,

Y^r^ most obedient, humble servant.

P. WARREN.

Lt General PEPPERRELL, &c.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — Your most esteem^d^ favour of ye 7th & 9th ins^t^ I receiv^d^ by Capt Griffin. That you calculat^d^ for ye army, yor directions therein shall be follow^d^; and ye several regiments shall be call^d^ together as soon as they can divide ye shoes & stockins, untill wch time they will make a poor appearance, for great part of them are barefoot^d^ & their cloths tore almost in peices, wch has given me great concern. I am infinitely oblig^d^ to you for ye good opinion you are pleas^d^

* This letter is printed from a rough draught in Pepperrell's handwriting. There are in his letter-book no copies of letters written between July 9 and July 18. — EDS.

to mention you have of me. I hope shall never do anything to forfeit it.

I am very sorry you should meet with any thing to damp yor joy relating to any dispute between Comodore Warren & myselfe, & considering that we are both quick in our tempers, I do think ye land & sea have agreed in this expedition as well as ever they did on ye like occasion, & if it had not been for some who have had yor favours I dont think there would have been any, and I was well assur^{d} that before we got possession of this place and since that it was of absolute necessity to keep from disputes & differences (or otherwise ye grand design might have suffer^{d}) & I have strove to my uttermost to keep things easey. It is true Mr Warren did tell me he was the chief officer here. I told him, Not on shoar. I look upon it that these disputes are all over, as we both aim at ye good & security of this place.

As to ye direction from Mr Duchambon being invert^{d}, ye Commodore being now first nam^{d} in ye instrument, ye scheme was carry^{d} on by Mr MacDonnal who y^{o} gave a commission to be Coll^{o}, Mr Warren sending him in wth a flagg of truce wth a letter from ye Frinch command^{r} of ye Vigilant, after wch Mr Duchambon put ye Commodore first. I have heard that Mr MacDonnal told here before he went wth Capt Rowse for England what great things he had don on shore. I am well assur^{d} he never was, put it all together, one hour in any of ye trenches, & he might be on shore before we came in ye citty three days at times in ye camp, & then to be sure we were glad to get rid of him, for ye most he did was to find fault that our encampment was not regul^{r}, or y^{t} the sold^{rs} did not march as handsome as old regul^{r} troops, their toes were not turn^{d} enough out, &c. I tho^{t} we encampt as regular as ye hills & valeys would admit of. I long to see you, wch hope will be in a short time. I am pleas^{d} there is like to be some troops from Connecticutt; and I hope our government and New

Hamp^{r} will send some more to releive these poor souls that have wore out all their cloths & are continually petitioning to return to New England. I shall do all in my power to make them easey.

I am glad that ye Frinch are mistaken at Martinique about killing ye Commodore & raising our siege agst this place. As Capt Snelling is now geting under saile, cannot enlarge, but soon hope to have ye pleasure of kissing yor & Mad^{m} Shirley's hands in Louisbourg, & am

Yo^{r} Excellency's most affectionate & most obed^{t} humble serv^{t}.

W. P.

Louisbourg, July 17th, 1745.

I long to return to New England.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.*

Boston, July 17th, 1745.

Hon^{d} Sir, — I have yor two favours by Capt Sanders, for which am greatly oblidged to you. I didn't expect this opportunity by Capt Adams of writing you, so I must now be very brief, and I shall give your letters a particular answer by Capt Cornwall, who will soon sail with the transports, &c. My two last were by one Mr Paddock & Mr Royall, the former I hope you have received. I know not whether Mr Royall is yet gone. The affair of most importance I beg leave now only just to hint

* On the same date Sparhawk wrote another letter to Pepperrell, by Capt. Stephenson, of similar purport with this letter, and reiterating his great concern lest his father-in-law should yield precedence on shore to Commodore Warren. "I have talked with many of your brethren of the Coun—ll, many of your private friends & those of excellent judgment too, and they are to a man clear in it, that the superiour comand is your absolutely right 'till your are superseeded by his Majesty or the Gover$^{r's}$ orders, and its earnestly wished that you may not make the least concession of this kind to the Comodore. Its y^{e} sense, I may say, of New England, that y^{e} honour and interest of the country, as well as your own, greatly depends upon your peremtory & absolute refusall of the Comod—e in this point, whose proper office is to comand on board & in the squadron, but by no means in the town." — Eds.

at. Please to observe that Coll° Hale has wrote to the H——e of R——s, complaining of your inhumanity to the people in his regim^t^ in that you would not let his sick have a physician or chirurgeon, a copy of the letter I sent you by Mr Paddock. Another thing I would mention is, that its looked upon as of great consequence to New England & yourself too, that you express a seperate & distinct dispatch to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle under your own hand, & its regretted that no officer from the army as yet has been sent on this errand; but that its left to Comodore W——n to give the whole account. Another thing that is reported here, & which alarms the country, and especially your friends, (many of which will soon write you on the affair) is that Com̃od W——n will not submit to your being the chief com̃ander there, say, in the town of Luesburg, that he has most of the keys, & assumes more then is for your honour to suffer. Its hoped the report is groundless. But you well know, Sir, (as its conceived on all hands here) that ye matter can admit of no dispute, but the com̃and on shore is absolutely yours; and allow me to say that I trust you'l assert your rights, and in case of any difficulty, upon your remonstrance here some ways will be found to confirm you while you are disposed to tarry. The House meets this day at the earnest, pressing orders of the Governour, and on what we can't think unless its relating to his going to Luisb——g on the affair I have related last. I am oblidged for your advices relating to trade. I decline an application to his Ex——y for my being appointed to send down lumber, &c. I shall give you my reasons hereafter. I have recom̃ended it to my bro^r^ Andrew that what he sends goes quick, as there are many going from this place. My Mother Pepperrell is very dull that you have not wrote her by Sanders. She & Bettsy go home two days hence. Your family all earnestly desire your return as soon as you can with jus-

tice to your country & honour to yourself; & in your next we beg we may know what detention its likely you may yet meet with, & when we may expect you home, which our hearts are exceedingly sett upon. Do let me entreat that you will not go on any other expedition from Cape Breton, should there be any. As to my going to London, which I have offerred in my last, if I can serve you, I must say that upon acquainting my wife thereof she is very much overcome with the thought, that I have promised her not to go unless she can reconcile it to herself. And in this case I do assure you, Sir, that I should embark in any affair wherein I might promote your honour or interest. I beg, Sir, you'l answer me as soon as possible to the several important (as I think) heads of this epistle, wrote in a great hurry, and let me assure you, that I am, with all possible respect & filial affection, Hon^{d} Sir,

Y^{r} obed^{t} son & most devoted servant.

N. SPARHAWK.

P. S. My respects to Coll^{o} Waldo & son & any gen^{tl} that know me. I wrote Coll^{o} Waldo long since, but have no answer.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO PETER WARREN.

LOUISBOURG, July 18th, 1745.

SIR, — Yours of 16th ins^{t} I rec^{d} yesterday in the afternoon. I never doubt^{d} of your hearty concern for having this valluable conquest duly secur'd & settled to the best advantage as speedily as possible, and of your readiness to contribute every thing in your power thereto, and am sorry that your letter discovers any thing like an apprehension in you that I am not equally so; but as I join wth you entirely that it is best to act in an amicable & friendly manner towards each other as we have hitherto

done, I will at present pass by the reflections therein on my own and my Councill's conduct.

I find, S^r^, the particulars that give you concern are that we make so litle advances in settling this place; that the army are in want of some necessaries, and you apprehend not duly supplied wth others; and that so many of the men have been allowed to return home. As to the first, as you have not pointed out any particular instance of my backwardness, I am at a loss to know what you refer to. You know, S^r^, we have together and separately made a representation of the state of this place, and of what is necessary to be done for its support and encouragement, both to the Ministry at home and the several Governm^ts^ of New Eng^d^, and are waiting their answer; in the mean time the army are employ'd in such works as his Majesty's engineer thinks most necessary, and, as I have before mention'd to you, I stand ready to give all the encouragem^t^ in my power to any persons that shall appear willing to settle here. As to the army's wanting any necessaries, it gives me as much uneasiness as it possibly can give you, and wou'd give me more had I not made repeated pressing requests to Governour Shirley for supplies, some part of which is arriv'd, and I have reason dayly to expect more, and in the mean time do my best endeavours to make the men easy under the want of them; and as to their being duly supplied wth what we have, I upon such failure being suggested have made due enquiry & do not find any blame due to the commissaries in that respect. As to the men sent home, wch are about seven hundred, they were many of them sick & lame, or otherwise incapable of duty, and the rest such as the circumstances of their families would have rendered it cruel to have detain'd here, without an absolute necessity, which I did not apprehend, as we have above three thousand troops now on the spot, and more coming in every day. I have been

& shall always be ready to advise wth you & communicate the advice of my Councill, and shall readily join with you in prosecuting any thing that can be done for his Majesty's service in the good regulation, security & settlement of this important & glorious conquest, and am, S^r^, with much esteem,

Your most obed^t^ humb. serv^t^.

W. P.

Comm^o^ WARREN, Esqr, &c., &c., &c.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, July 20th, 1745.

HON^D^ SIR, — The two last I wrote y^o^ were by Capt Adams and Capt Stephenson, to which I beg your reference. His Ex——y has determined to take a trip to Luisbourg, & as its conjectured its on account of a difference its supposed to be subsisting between you & Comodore W——n. Its beyond all question that the comand of Luisbourg is in you, nor can the Com——e have any just pretensions to it. Still its here asserted that the point is in dispute, & that ye same is very unacceptable to the land forces on the spott, & its no less so to N. England in general. Its fully expected by this Province, I presume, and I believe you may depend upon it, that if you have for wise & good reasons, at present unknown to us, made any concessions to the Com——e, that his Ex——y will take effectual methods to secure to you your just rights & thereby to prevent the ambitious designs of any against you or our country from taking place. Should his Ex——y, which no one, I think, can imagine he will, take the part of the Com——e against you or the country, & so abridge you & the Province of any benefit, either in point of honour or interest that may be your just due, (and as I said just now, there can be no dispute but you

are the Comander in Chiefe there for the time being, in respect of ye Comodore or any sea officer with you on shore), I hope you'l show a just resentment to it, even to ye returning your commission. But I am rather inclined to think that things will take a different turn, & that the assuming behaviour of a certain person will meet with no countenance from his Ex——y. I assure you it will have none here, & its greatly lamented that there has been even so much as a surmise that you have made such concessions as not to sign before the Com——e, to suffer him to march in before you, to send home the first express, or rather not to suffer your sending one home, his officers taking place of yours, contrary to ye most antient established custom & many other things wch I cant now relate; but we flatter ourselves when you shall have leisure to represent things in their true light, that neither the glory of our country or its General shall receive any eclipse or be in ye least sullied by the proud & aspiring.

Give me leave now, Sir, to beg in the name of yor family, & my Mother Pepperrell in particular, that as soon as you can with any propriety (for sooner you will not) you will return home, nor will you, we trust, lay yourself under any fresh obligations to be longer absent from them. My Mother Pepperrell sends her love (Bettsy her duty). She has wrote y^o^ by Mrs Winslow, who takes her passage in the Hector. I hope, Sir, you'l be as full as possible in your next relating to the premises, & be assured your country is your friend, & will to the last vindicate your asserting your just right on its behalf, as well as your own, & that I am beyond expression, Hon^d^ Sir,

Y^r^ ob^t^ son & devoted serv^t^.

N. SPARHAWK.

General PEPPERRELL.

RICHARD WALDRON TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honorable Lieu^t^ General Pepperrell, Coñander in Chief of his Majesties Troops. At Louisbourg. By Capt Branscome.

Honble Sir, — I wrote you a line or two the 28th of June, via Boston, under cover to Mr Tyler. As I have the honor to be in your friendship silence would illy become me upon so important an event as that of the conquest of Louisbourg by an army under your command, an event glorious in itself and glorious in its consequences. Sir, I congratulate you on the victory, and on the honor you have acquired by it; and I heartily joyn with you in rendering unfeigned thanks to the most high God for the many and remarkable interventions of His kind providence in favour of the expedition, and finally for the success. I wish you (in proper time) a safe return and such a reception as is due to your merit. When your liesure will allow you to honor me with a line, pray tell me whether my son has bên a good boy or not, and whether he has deserved most the rod or sugar plumbs; as he has merited be pleased to deal with him. I perceive there has bên thoughts, and talk too, in New England of your being made Governor of N. Hampshire, I wish, in mercy to us, you would reconcile yourself to it, that we may once more have an English administration. If Govr Belcher can't get Mass^a^ nor New York, hadn't he best push for Louisbourg, which with a regiment may be as profitable as Mass^a^, thô not so pleasant. If you approve of these hints, I pray you to mention them to him by the first opportunity, as I have done in a letter this day, put on board Adams, both with respect to himself & you. I am, dear Sir,

Your most obedient and obliged humble servant.

Richard Waldron.

Portsm^o^, July 20th, 1745

Honorable General Pepperrell.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO BENNING WENTWORTH.

LOUISBOURG, July 25th, 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — I have your favour of 9th inst pr Wise; am much pleas'd to find that you are raizing new levys for Louisbourg, inasmuch as many of those who came first are impatient to return home. I shall endeavour still, as I always have done, to shew a regard to Colo Moore's regiment in proportion to their merit; am sorry to find (as I do by copy sent me) that you did not mention first to me the false instructions you received from some person that that regiment had not justice done them by me. I know that they were never put upon more than their share of duty, and I always gave them the credit of that, but give me leave to tell you, Sr, it is no easy matter to hinder such complaints in an army, no more than some in every regiment have done to complain of that their regiment did the most duty. I shall be extreamly glad of an opportunity to kiss your hand at Portsmouth, but when I shall have that pleasure is very uncertain. In the mean time, I am, may it please your Excellency,

Your Excellcy most obedt & most humb. servt.

W. P.

His Excell. Govr WENTWORTH, &c., &c., &c.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, July 29, 1745.

SIR, — Yesterday I receiv'd your dispatches by the Rhode Island ship Fame, Captn Thompson, commander, in answer to which I need not be particular as I shall without fail imbark for Louisbourg on board the Hector, either before or by Saturday next, and upon my arrival there may settle what is wanting to be done upon the spot. In the mean time I have to inform you yt the

Assembly are at present determin'd to supply his Majᵗʸˢ service at Louisbourg in the same manner they did before the surrender of it, and yᵗ I have and will take all possible care of those two necessary articles, provisions and cloaths, as I hope you will secure wood in sufficient quantities, wᶜʰ is almost as necessary at Louisbourg in the winter. Materials & rum I will take particular care of, and what I can of pay for workmen, and also of recruits to supply the place of those who are lost or have been dismissed. But as both yourself & the Commodore say yᵗ near 4000 men are wanting to defend the town & batteries, and it is improbable yᵗ any troops can be sent from England before next spring it will be necessary for you to stop your hand as to dismissing more men, except some of those who belong to the most expos'd eastern parts. For I have the disagreable news to inform you of yᵗ the Indians have at last broke out upon those settlemᵗˢ join'd by some Penobscots, and have kill'd one man belonging to Broad Bay and another of George's Fort, both of 'em as they were at some distance from our settlemᵗˢ & alone, & have burnt two or three empty houses & destroy'd upwards of 70 head of cattle, all belonging to George's, and attack'd the fort and Brigadier Waldo's blockhouse there wᵗʰ a body of about 70 men, but without any hurt or damage to either or any man in 'em and with some loss to themselves. We impute this rupture to a false report spread by the French among the Indians yᵗ we were defeated & cut off at Louisbourg, to prevent the ill effects of wᶜʰ I had, before we had an accᵗ of the Indians breaking out, sent an express to inform the Penobscott & Norridgewalk tribes yʳ of our success at Cape Breton, and yᵗ all the French there were our prisoners, yᵗ with proper promises to encourage 'em in their fidelity, & threats to deterr 'em from joining the French Indians. But my express arriv'd at George's Fort one day too late. However, the Indians know it by this time;

and I am apt to think it will have an effect. I should have mention'd y^t^ a party of Indians had seiz'd a woman within 300 yards of Fort Frederick at Pemmaquid, but she broke from 'em & recover'd the fort under the fire of its gunns, with receiving only one flesh wound in the shoulder with a musquet ball from the enemy in her flight. In the meanwhile I instantly order'd Sanders wth 30 men on board him to repair to George's Fort, & go up all the rivers as the service should require, and have sent orders to demand of the Penobscott Indians to deliver up to us within seven days such of their tribe as had join'd the enemy, or to give five hostages to the acceptance of Captn Bradbury, to deliver 'em up in seven days more, w^ch^, if not comply'd with I shall declare warr ag^t^ 'em, and a bounty will be forthwith given for their scalps as ag^t^ the St John's and Cape Sable Indians, wch is already reviv'd, and the warr shall be push'd on ag^t^ 'em in their own quarters with the utmost vigour, never to be ended whilst I am Governour 'till they are either destroy'd or reduc'd to such terms of obedience as to put our settlem^ts^ upon an absolutely secure foot ag^t^ future ruptures with the French. I have also sent detachm^ts^ of horse to the number of 100 under proper officers to stop the enemy's progress, and pursue 'em 'till our last reinforcement of foot can be rais'd and sent down, consisting of 170 men wch will make up those already sent there upwards of 600 soldiers. I must likewise mention y^t^ the Indians have kill'd two men at different places, straggling after their cattle upon the western frontier without the Massachusetts line, but have not appear'd in parties or made any other attempts there, and I have thereupon order'd two snow-shoe companies to scout after 'em into the woods, and reinforcem^ts^ are likewise sent down into those parts, and more raising for 'em.

I have given you the above acc^t^ of the motions of the Indians, wch I believe will certainly subside when they

are undeceiv'd as to the fate of Cape Breton & the success of our expedition, y^t^ you may know the very worst of the state of our frontiers, and not have false alarms spread among you, when the people who are in the midst of the enemy speak of their efforts with contempt, as Captn Bradbury and Nichols at Mr Waldo's blockhouse, and Captn Henderson, who is well upon his guard and quite easy.

In the meanwhile the two Houses in their congratulatory address to me, as you will see, desire I would dismiss so many of the soldiers belonging to the eastern frontiers as shall be consistent with the safety of Louisbourg & are desirous to come away to their families, esteeming the western parts to be quite safe; and I think the eastern soldiers should be dismissed very sparingly. For I cant think but our eastern Indians (as Loron, Louis, Toxus & almost all the old chiefs among 'em have taken indefatigable pains to keep their young men from joining the enemy, and when they could not help it have given us most faithfull acc^ts^ of their designs and motions, and discover'd the utmost anxiety to prevent our receiving any mischief) will soon comply with proper terms, now the enemy's capital fortress is wrested from 'em, and it would be infinitely dangerous for the garrison to be weak handed at present, and a bad accident there would be irretrievable. And to let you see how easy the Assembly is in their apprehensions concerning the enemy Indian, they press me exceedingly to visit the army without suspending my voyage on acc^t^ of the late motions of the Indians, and undertake for the security of the frontiers in the mean time. I shall mention here, least I further forget it, y^t^ I will send the Cape Breton Indians now in our goal down to you to make what use the Commodore and you may think proper of 'em. I must now give you an hint y^t^ the two Houses are very uneasy least Mr Warren should have assum'd a superior command at land over the troops, and have conceiv'd a jealousy y^t^ the officers have not been well

us'd, some of 'em, and y^{t} acc^{ts} have not been properly transmitted home so as to do justice to the behaviour of our troops, wch indeed makes 'em extremely urgent with me to go down to Louisbourg, and I hope care will be taken y^{t} upon my entrance into the harbour I am properly saluted by the batteries, I mean the Island Battery particularly, as I am by the gunns of Castle William: otherwise it will occasion uneasiness, which it is certainly in your power to prevent, as the guard of the Island Battery, I understand, consists of our own troops, whom you may give proper orders to, least there should be any mistake. For it is certainly of the utmost consequence to preserve a perfect harmony between the land and sea at so dangerous a crisis, wch I dare say Mr Warren is disposed to do, and will do if he considers rightly, and small matters conducted with prudence will serve to do it; and unless the Commodore is so imprudent as to assume what does most evidently not belong to him, and it is inconsistent with the King's commission to myself and the honour and right of the province y^{t} I should give up, (wch I have a better opinion of him y^{n} to think he will) every thing will go smooth between us, and more so because I have a real esteem and friendship for him.

I am very much concern'd to hear y^{t} the men are grown uneasy ab^{t} the plunder, and impatient to return home; surely they won't disgrace their past behaviour by unreasonable discontents and murmurs now, nor think y^{t} the expedition is over 'till his Maj^{y} has the place in his own hands. It is evident y^{t} it would shift for itself if the troops should quit it, and y^{t} securing it for his Maj^{y} 'till the possession is deliver'd to his orders must be part of the expedition. I hope this will reach you before my arrival, and y^{t} I shall have an happy sight of you some time next week, and am wth much truth & esteem, Sir,

Your faithfull friend and servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

Lieuten^{t} Gen PEPPERELL.

BENJAMIN POLLARD TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honourable William Pepperil, Esq., General of his Majesty's Forces at Cape Britton. ℔ Capt Gardner.

BOSTON, July [*blank*], 1745.*

DEAR SIR, — This is the first letter I have wrote you since you left Boston, and the first occasion, saving to own my great regard and esteem for you, which I might in some measure have shewn by often writing, but I well knew your time was much better imployed then in reading my scrawls, so I supplyed that defect in drinking ye General & success to his undertaking, wch I have had the pleasure to do every day with your numerous friends. This waits on you by Capt Gardner, to give you thanks (for my own part) for your good services done our King & country, and to joy with you in the happy event of all your labour and fatigue. I pray God to crown it with abundant success. This young gentleman goes with the command of a company. He hoped to be at Cape Britton to have shared in the honour of taking it, but the happy news came too soon for him to compleat his wish. I am apt to believe he would have behaved gallantly in any command you w^d^ have orderd; for I'm sure he is a soldier and a gentleman. His first education was under the Reverend Mr Moody (whome I hope he will find well & hearty), his last was under me as a gentleman cadet, which I am not a little fond to own. Therefore I beg the favour of your peculiar care of and countenance towards him. Wherein you serve him, depend on it, you will serve the cause you so much incline to and persue, and it will be a reward to virtue. The Govr has promised me a Major's commission for him, hav^g^ some knowledge of his abilitys. Upon the whole, S^r^, I am not at all con-

* Colonel Pollard left the exact date of this letter blank, but it was undoubtedly written early in the month, as Samuel Gardner's commission as Major and Captain in the third company of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment was dated July 6, 1745. — EDS.

cerned but that he will merit your esteem from his conduct & then I'm sure of your friendship for him. I hope this will kiss your hands at the Demi-Luna, presiding over y^r^ loyal army, and I pray for health and peace to attend you and them, and a safe return to y^r^ own country. I am, worthy S^r^,

Your most obedient humble serv^t^.

BENJ^A^ POLLARD.

BENJAMIN POLLARD TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honourable William Pepperell, Esqr, Commander in Chiefe att Louisburg. p Mr Sam. Lowder.

BOSTON, August 3^d^, 1745.

DEAR SIR, — I am favoured in a friendly letter from you of 4 July, for which I am highly obliged, and am now to own it with pleasure. I had wrote you before I was knowing to the hon^r^ done me, which I hope you received, & I again most heartily give you joy in the success of the expedition; for my own part I never thought of ye English being masters of Louisburg, especially on so easy terms, if at all. Nor did I ever see the divine hand so manifestly appear as in that instance, for I have observed from the begining to the end^s^ of the expedition a most wonderfull seeres of weather and every other circumstance to render the conquest easy, for wch may the good God be praised by us all.

This waits on you by a kindsman of mine, one Mr Samuel Lowder, midshipman with Capt Gayton, whom I value & esteem for his sobriety & good behaviour. He has the happyness of being beloved by his captain and officers & those others who know him. As he was going to Louisburg he thought a line in his favour to you might give him your countenance if there was occasion. Therefore I have ventured to mention him to you as my friend, & in confidence of which I'm sure you'l not be want^s^ to

show him any little civility he may stand in need off. I have directed my little boy, Charles Hubbard, whom I have bound out aprentice to Capt Gayton, to wait on you with my hearty service. I hope both he and Mr Lowder will find in [you?] in perfect health & in high sperets keep^{g} up the dignity of your high station. I have been & am still much hurryed in the affair of Cape Bretton, so can't be so happy as to see you there, but hope to have that pleasure at Boston before winter. I am, d^{r} s^{r},

Your most ob^{t} humb. sv^{t}.

BENJ^{A} POLLARD.

CHARLES CHAUNCY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

The Honorable William Pepperrell, Esqr. Lieutenant General and Commander in Cheif of the Troops at Louisbourg. These.

DEAR SIR, — This waits upon you to speak a word in favour of Mr Shipton. He married my sister-in-law Mrs Bethiah Willoughby, and is a gentleman for whom I have a value. I have heard he intends to settle at Louisbourg, if he can meet with encouragement. I believe 'tis in your power to do him service in this respect. And as he may be a stranger to you, I take this opportunity, not only to recommend him as an honest, industrious, capable person, but to beg your interest on his behalf. And whatever kindness you express towards him, I shall take as done to myself, and as adding to the obligations I am under to love and honor you. And I am the rather inclined to be sollicitous in beseeching your favourable regards to him as he has a growing family and is under difficulties (as you may have heard) by means of disappointments and losses in his business. He is a sutable object of your compassionate regards, and by using your interest in his favour you will do a kindness, not only to him, but to his wife and children, who will account you a father to y^{m} in their affliction.

I hope you will pardon this freedom. I should not have taken it but that I know 'tis a pleasure to you to be kind and good to the distressed, — those that become so, not thro' their own fault, but by adverse providences frowning on their affairs.

I wrote you largely by the man-of-war, or this same opportunity, tho' as I gave my letter to the care of your son Sparhawk I can't tell which. I hope it will come safe to hand, and I should be glad of a particular answer to it, because I wrote it in love and from the great regard I have always professed towards you.

The Lord still protect and bless you, and return you in safety to your family and friends. I am

Your affectionate brother.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

BOSTON, August 4th, 1745.

To the Honble General PEPPERRELL, Esqr.

CHRISTOPHER MINOT* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, Augt 6th, 1745.

HON^D S^R, — After asking pardon for ye freedome of writing, I with great pleasure give you joy on this great and glorious conquest of Lewisburgh, an affair wch for months past fill^d every heart and house with concern, and altho' kind Providence in every appearance was in our favour, not only as to winds and weather, but that solid courage and intrepid behaviour while on the spot, yet we were ready to say upon many reports, — It's impossible to be done; but our pulpits and press, as well as private conversation, tell that when men of equall cour-

* Christopher Minot, the son of Col. Stephen Minot, was born in 1706, and graduated at Harvard College in 1725. He was a custom house officer, and espousing the side of the mother country at the time of the Revolution, went from Boston with the British troops in 1776, to Halifax, N. S., where he died March 12, 1783. See Genealogical Record of the Minot Family, p. 17. — EDS.

age to yourself & Commodore, in conjunction wth your brave officers and men, engage in warr under the auspicious smiles of Heaven nothing seemes difficult; and double strength wth superiour advantage falls victims to your prudent schemes and undainted courage, and I assure you, S^r^, it is no little pleasure to many of your friends here who always simpathize wth the distressed that those people have fallen into the hands of so compassionate a gentleman as yourself. We this morning rec^d^ the news of an Indiaman taken & carr^d^ in, wch must give you great pleasure and profitt. I referr you to the gentlemen in the Hector and Capt Tyng for all occurrances, forreign and domestick. And now, S^r^, may this glorious conquest, so universally beneficiall to this continent, under your prudent and brave conduct, settle you and family in the love and esteem of this Province, and from the noise and anxious care and fateague of warr. May you again fill the civill chair of goverment in peace and plenty, and in advanc^d^ age look back and say, I have fought a good fight, I have finish^d^ my course, I have gain^d^ the victory, and rise to immortal honours, wch is the sincere desire and hearty prayer of, S^r^,

Your friend & very humble serv^t^.

CHRIS^ro^ MINOT.

Excuse ye intrusion upon your hours of importance.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

LOUISBOURG, Augt 6th, 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — Since I last had the honour of writing you I have not receiv'd the favour of any of your commands, and altho' am daily expecting (as well as constantly wishing for) your Excellency's safe arrival here, I cannot omitt giving you or the governm^t^ the necessary notice of every occurrence. One of the

inhabitants of this place, vizt, John Batiste De Young, who is desirous of recommending himself to my favour, tells me that in the departure of a schooner lately brought into this port (by Capt Fletcher) from Canada, he has good assurance from one Charles, a marriner belonging to s^{d} schooner, that about the 6th July last past there were ten thousand French troops raiz'd, victualled, & ready to march from Quebec for the English frontiers; he also informs me that the number of men at Canada fitt to bear arms are 45,000, of wch number are only 150 regular troops in the French King's pay, 50 of whom are posted at Quebec, and 100 at Montreal; that there are 2000 French families settled on the River St Lawrence below Quebec; that there is no fort or battery between the entrance of the river & Quebec; he further adds that he was last year at Canada, but knows nothing of the French building a fort on the Isle of Orleans. On the other hand I am inform'd by the captain of the same schooner that the French at Canada were in constant alarm from an expectation they had of an English visit this summer, & from many other hands that the number of men at Canada is 25,000 only.

Your intelligences from Albany will probably give you the best satisfaction, but for my own part I am under no apprehension of so formidable an attack, but that the chief, if not only, danger of the frontiers is from the Canada men who lately besieg'd Annapolis, and which I fear, without the extraordinary interposition of the province, will soon ruin the whole frontiers, which must greatly abate, if not overballance, the joys of our late victory. The present circumstances of the army give me the utmost concern & uneasiness. Appearances only, without frequent complaints, would move the pity of every one who has the least compassion for his fellow mortalls. The soldiers are in want of almost all the necessarys of life, cloathing of all sorts more especially,

great numbers of the people being almost naked, many of them have not had shoe or stocking for two months past, nor were the commissarys able to furnish them. I was for some considerable time after reduction of this island by advice from the Honble Comm^tee^ at Boston in expectation of necessarys of all kinds, & accordingly made the people easy from the prospect thereof. But now the expected supplys are arriv'd, instead of 30 or 40 pair of shoes to each company, I find the proportion is only four pair & a half, wch is a great disappointment, and the fault here imputed to me ought to lye at another door. This climate is very subject to foggs & rain, with which we have now been visited for 5 or 6 days, which and the badness of the houses, the want of cloaths, the unwholsomness of the water, & the noisomness of the town, occasion'd by so long a siege, much exposes our men, who being disappointed in their expectations of returning to their respective homes, so sinks their spirits that they daily fall sick, & in greater number than at any time during the siege, & their symptoms appear more dangerous, as the doctors tell me. I verily believe it would have tended much to the health & content of the army had the commissarys been able to continue to them rum in proper portions; as it's difficult to purchase here, it has been impossible but they must have been many times without, & I am sorry to say, that notwithstanding all I could do they have greatly suffered. I obtained the favour of a purchace of some brandy of Comm^o^ Warren, wch was of great service, but this is expended; & I have not since been able by purchace & loan to obtain more than 5 or 6 hh^ds^ of rum, & I see very litle, if any, prospect of obtaining more, that the usual complaints for want thereof will soon be renewed. The shoes sent are too small, therefore useless, & the shirts are also too short. There is a general disatisfaction & uneasiness in the army on the aforegoing heads, and unless speedy care be taken for the

redress of all the grievances, the consequences may be fatall. The Massachusetts troops are fully sensible that they are on a lower establishment of pay than those of Connecticut & Rhode Island, & that their fatigue & real service has been inferiour to none. They rely on the generosity of his Majesty and justice of their country; so I have no trouble in this respect, but I apprehend you'll find without the pay being enlarged few voluntiers will appear to reinforce these garrisons, but be that as it may, it appears to me both just & necessary that some new levys be raiz'd to relieve part of the army, and that such whose fortune it may be to be destin'd here for support of this place, untill his Majesty is able to garrison the same, should be provided with suitable cloathing, beds and other necessarys for their support & comfort while they are detain'd. We are also in great want of medicines, wch is another unhappy affair, as the army are now sickly. As the supporting of this fortress is of the greatest consequence to all the British Colonys it is highly reasonable they should all contribute thereto in some regular stipulated proportion, which I hope will be most speedily and successfully solicited, but as this will be a work of time and the event uncertain, the burthen must, I apprehend, lye a little longer on the Massachusetts, and as large supplys of all sorts of stores should be furnish'd & secured in the King's magazines here for support of this & the neighbouring garrisons not only this winter, but for a six months' siege, which may reasonably be expected to commence with the spring, it will require a close & speedy attention, for that the army may, and probably will be here so early next spring as to prevent recruits or supplys coming in, as was the late case of this place. I have nothing further at present to offer for the publick service, but to beg of your Excellency, as I have with the utmost justice represented the circumstances of the army & of this fortress, that due consideration may be had thereon,

and that such resolutions may be taken as may be for his Majesty's service & the further honour of my dear country, for the peace & welfare of which and every hapiness to your Excellency is the most hearty wish of,

Your Excellency's most obed^{t} humb. serv^{t}.

W. P.

His Excellency Govr SHIRLEY, &c., &c., &c.

JONATHAN BELCHER* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

S^{r}, — I wrote you a few lines the last sum̃er, advising of my arrival here, which I hope you receiv^{d}. I am now most agreeably entertain^{d} with your obliging l^{ttr} of 4 of last moneth from Louisburgh, giving me an acco^{t} of your proceedings (at the head of the King's troops) against the fortifications of that place, & of its submitting to his Britannick Majesty on the 17 day of June last. From the universal consent of the officers & troops under your com̃and (as well as from the testimony of the prudent, intrepid Com̃odore Warren) your steady conduct & bravery in this glorious expedition has been the topick of conversation in all the publick places of this great town from the first news of the reduction of important Cape Breton, & this one action of your life will gain you, S^{r}, a reputation that shall survive mouldring brass & marble. The consequences of regaining this place to the obedience of the imperial crown of Great Britain can't be easily exprest or imagin^{d} & of which the King's ministers grow more & more sensible every day. On rec^{t} of your l^{ttr} I im̃ediately waited on several of them & com̃unicated it to them, in which I was kindly receiv^{d} & they thankt me. I particularly observ^{d} from it the desire of the N. England

* Jonathan Belcher, Governor of Massachusetts from 1730 to 1741, was born in Cambridge, Jan. 8. 1681–2, graduated at Harvard College in 1699, and died at Elizabethtown, N. J., Aug. 31, 1757. When this letter was written he had been for several years in England. See Belcher Papers in 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vols. vi. vii. — EDS.

people to return home, to which they said, orders were gone to Gibraltar for two regiments to be sent from thence to Cape Breton imediately. I then made a remark on the postscript of your l^tr & of your disinterested, generous behaviour in the whole course of this enterprize, to which I was answ^d that they believ^d the King wou^d be willing to give you a regiment if you cou^d raise one, & to be plac^d (with the others) at Louisburgh. If they wou^d do this, & make you Govr in Chief of the place, both, I believe, wou^d be worth 2000£ str. a year, which I shou^d think a handsome reward. The Ministry seem well inclin^d to recomend you to the King in every reasonable & proper manner. I wish I knew your correspondent here, that I might concert with him in every thing for your service. For I am, in great truth, Honble S^r,

Your hearty old friend & ready serv^t.

J. BELCHER.

LONDON, August 7, 1745.

Mr. PEPPERRELL.

BENJAMIN COLMAN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

For the Honble L. General Pepperell at Lewisburgh. By Lt Wakefeild.

BOSTON, August 9, 1745.

MOST HON^D SIR, — Three dayes agoe I had ye favour & pleasure of your kind & good letter in return to mine. I am exceedingly obliged to you for your chearful consent to Mrs Frost's coming to my house, & thank you for your prayers (whereof I ask ye continnance) that it may be a mutual blessing to us both & to ours. I hope to see her in town this evening, or next, for my son Turell of Medford went last week to wait on her by her desire, & he spent ye last Sabbath with Mr Blunt. Your country longs to see you, endeared as you are a thousand fold to them, & you wil ever stand next to our excellent Governour Shirley in their hearts & in ye history of New England. I hope these wil congratulate you on ye safe

arrival of his Excellency, who with his Lt General is every day remembered before God in ye prayers of every pious & dutiful heart. Never was a man like universally loved as his Excellency is, & yet not all our reverence & esteem can any way answer his merits & our obligation. His moments as well as yours (Sir) are so taken up that you cannot spare me (I know) an attention to this single line. I shall only therefore wish ye divine conduct to his Excellency more & more, with yourself & ye Honble Commodore Warren, who in his kind return to my congratulation on ye surrender of Lewisburgh is pleas'd to express himself in words of the highest honour & affection for your Honour. Will you please, Sir, to make my acknowledgment of his favour to me acceptable to his Honour. I hope this may also congratulate him & his lady on her safe arrival, & if ye prayers of faith & love wil help to waft Govr Shirley & his lady safe to you, & in health, we promise ourselves their pleasant & prosperous voyage.

This comes by Mr Joseph Wakefield, nam'd for a second L^t^ under Capt Hills, who went in Capt Tyng. He is by trade a glazier & plumber, & ye company, I hear, are all tradesmen. I hope their arrival may be very profitable, both as soldiers, & with respect to their various occupations at Lewisburgh; & if Mr Wakefield in particular shal endeavour to merit you favour, I do him ye service to name him to your Honour at his humble request. He has a family here of children & is a member of our congregation. His son accompanies him, & I pray God the conquest may have many New England men spirited to repair & refit it, & find a comfortable settlement & defence under ye protection of Heaven. I am, Sir, with ye greatest respect & affection, & under double bonds,

Your Honour's most humble & obedient servant.

BENJAMIN COLMAN.

General PEPPERELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THOMAS CUSHING, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.*

LOUISBOURG, August 9th, 1745.

HONORBLE SR, — I have seen a coppy of a letter from the Camp, datd ye 8th day of June last, directd to you as Speaker of ye Honble House of Representatives, signd Robert Hale, wherein he complains of ye frequent sufferings of the many sick & woundd of his regiment for want of a chirurgion, & tells of his orders at several times to have his chirurgion attendance on shore, & that they have as often been countermandd by me, notwithstanding all ye remonstrance he had ben able to make.

I am sorry that gentm has given himselfe this liberty & you & ye Honorble House ye trouble. Doctr Rand, 'tis true, remaind on board some time after his arrival here at wch I was uneasy, & sent for him several times, and soon after he came ashore ye cheiff chirurgion & others informd me of his incapacity to be serviceable ashore thrô indisposition of body, that if he cod be serviceable anywhere it must be on bd ye hospital vessell, that as to ye aforesd regiment they had hitherto & wd still take ye needfull care, upon wch I orderd Mr Rand again on board ye hospital vesell to take care of the sick & woundd there, and upon ye whole I have not ye least reason to think that any of his people suffer[d], unless it was about two companys wch he kept (to me then unknown) principally to waite on himselfe from ye post where with ye other part of his regiment they were stationd by my express order. These men being seperated from their regimt for ought I know might want ye doctrs care, & ye other part of his regiment might also suffer by their duty being the heavier, and that gentm indisposition only

* Thomas Cushing, father of the Revolutionary statesman of the same name, was at this time Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. — EDS.

has freed him from my manifest resentment for his disobedience.

I have don all in my power to do justice to ye army, & to serve my King & countery, & am willing to submit my conduct to ye strictest scrutinny and severest censure of men of hon^r^, and am wth best respects to yo^r^selfe & ye Honble House, Honble S^r^,

Your very hum^ble^ serv^t^.

Wm PEPPERRELL.

To the Honor^ble^ the Speaker of the Honble House of Representatives in Boston.

RICHARD PARTRIDGE* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To General Pepperell at Cape Briton.

LONDON, 6th mo. or Augt 10th, 1745.

GENERAL PEPPERELL, — I take this opportunity in comp^a^ with my Bro^r^ Belcher's letter to give thee these few lines. I assure myself thou willt receive the congratulations of the Ministry & others here for ye success which has attended your late expedition in ye reduction of Cape Briton, which in the consequences of it will doubtless be of very extraordinary service, as well to this kingdom as to our British colonys in general. And its to be hoped that now the English have it in possession no consider^a^ whatever will prevaile to the parting with it again. I send thee inclosed 2 or 3 of our London prints wch will demonstrate how sensible we are here of ye value of that place. And now I shall just give thee a few hints of public transactions in Europe respecting ye pres^t^ war, &c^a^. The King is still at Hannover, but is likely to return hither much sooner than was expected. The Lords Justices on ye 6th instant published a proclam^a^

* Brother-in-law of Governor Belcher. He had joined the Quakers before this letter was written. See 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vols. vi. vii., *passim*. — EDS.

offering a reward of £30,000 for apprehend^{g} ye Pretender's eldest son, who (as it is pretended) was either embarked or preparing for it in ord^{r} to land in Scotland, but notwithstanding we don't seem to have anything to fear on his account. As to ye war in general things of late look with an indifferent aspect on our side, I mean as to ye land war, especially in Flanders where ye French are driving almost all before them, they being above double the number of our allied army there, & have now beseiged Ostend, wch very probably they will be masters off in a little time. Indeed many people are now of opinion that if ye English had not expended so many millions as they have done in carrying on the land war, but had employ'd ye money more in managing the war by sea, & stuck principally to that, it would have been much more to our advantage. The taking of Cape Briton, & since that of 2 prodigious rich Spanish S^{o} Sea ships (worth about a million sterl.) taken by 2 of our London privateers, & also of 4 or 5 French Ind^{a} men (3 of them from China) taken by 4 of our men of war in the East Indies, wch with several other late valuable captures must greatly distress ye enemy & go a good way towards some compensation for our ill success in other respects. I should at any time be glad of a few lines from thee, & if I can be of any service to thee here, depend on the readiness of

Thy assured friend & countryman.

Richd Partridge.

Pray be so kind as to forward the letters herewith for Boston ℔ first vessell bound thither.

JONATHAN BELCHER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

HONO^BLE S^R, — The 7 instant I wrote by Capt. Rous in answer to your favour of 4 July. This is principally to congratulate you on the honour the King has done you as one mark of his esteem of your good conduct & steady bravery (at the head of his troops) in the reduction of Cape Breton, as by inclosed Gazette, an acco^t whereof you'll also have many other wayes.* I find you are to have a regiment, which will be a handsome income. I have mention^d to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Pelham) that you might also have the contract from the Crown for victualling the garrison of Louisburgh at six pence sterling a man a day, as is paid for Annapolis, which wou^d be a fine penny in your pocket. And as Admiral Warren is to be Govr of Louisburgh his l^ttrs in your favour on this head, together with your own, to the King's Ministers wou^d easily effect the matter. Althô your regiment will be posted at Louisburgh, yet you'll have liberty to be at home as much as you please, where you'll be able to manage the affair of the victualling to the best advantage. I shou^d rejoice that you may get it into your hands, as I shall in every article of your prosperity, being, S^r,

Your assured friend & most obed^t serv^t.

J. BELCHER.

LONDON, Augt 16, 1745.

Sr WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

* The reference is to the announcement of the King's intention to confer a baronetcy on Pepperrell. — EDS.

JOHN OSBORNE TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble William Pepperrell, Esqr, Lieu^t^ General, &c., at Louisbourg. P Capt Hatch.

BOSTON, Aug. 17, 1745.

HON^BLE^ Sir, — The Committee of War, having been favoured with a sight of your letter of the 6th of August to Governour Shirley, observe the great complaints & uneasiness of the army, arising in great measure from the want of rum & cloathing, which seems to be pointed out to as a defect in the Committee; and therefore they look on themselves obliged to vindicate their own conduct in that affair and say, as to rum and molasses the Committee was impowered by the General Court to supply the army with those articles, and did go on so to do until they received a letter from you to put a stop by reason (as you say) a sufficiency of those two articles was taken from the enemy, & therefore you would supply the army with them. As for the small proportion of shoes you mention that was arrived, if you had had recourse to the letter and invoices that accompanied that small parcel of shoes, you would found that about eleven hundred pair was contained in the invoices & actually shipt, altho' not arrived with you; besides we are daily making more & hope shall get a full supply of that article. As for cloathing a sufficiency is not to be had just now, yet we are daily picking up all that we can lay our hands on, yet do not expect to send full supply till some woolen goods arrive from England, & then shall compleat what's necessary, altho' it should be late first. We are providing large number of beds, & shall send them down as fast as they are got ready, as well as the provisions & materials you sent for. In one word the Committee employ their whole time in nothing else but to take care of & provide for the army, &c., at Louisbourg, having

the affair so greatly at heart. Which now concludes us, with just regards,

Your Honour's most humble servᵗˢ,
In the name of the Comᵗᵉᵉ.
J. OSBORNE.

Honᵇˡᵉ Lieutᵗ General PEPPERRELL.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

KITTERY, August 17th, 1745.

HONᴰ & DEAR SIR, — Since my last by Mʳ Trefethen, in whose vessell the bearer, Capᵗ Frost, takes his passage, I have yᵉ honour of yours of the 29th ultimo, the contents of which I shall pay all possible regard to, and make the needfull reply at present, if I have time. I am glad my letters to the 17th ultimo had reached your hands. I long to have an answer to two I wrote you by the fleet that sailed with yᵉ Governour. One of them Mʳ Chambers Russell took care of, & yᵉ other I gave to Mʳ Colman, just as I was coming out of Boston, to be dld. to some safe hand. I hope they will in due time get safe to you. I have your three letters to the Duke of Newcastle, and shall forward them by safe opportunitys. I observe what you have wrote joyntly with the Comodore, wᶜʰ I think can't be amiss, though it's a pity you had not sent your private letter to the Duke in yᵉ 1° vessell, & let Rouse carry a duplicate instead of the originall. However as his Majesty is abroad, its probable nothing will be done before your letters gett to hand. I imagine the Comodore must have a very great interest indeed to have liberty to be at sea & be a Comander in Chief at Luisbourg too. Besides if any of our friends do but take the trouble in season of making a proper representation of the facts respecting the seige its impossible but you must have the advantage of him, and though there should not be an ample representation made 'till Mʳ

Bollam getts home, there will be a necessity of his doing of it, for that is his busyness home, & is to be the foundation upon wch we are to expect a reimbursement of our great expence. Had you intimated to me before the choice of Mr Bollam your having the least inclination to go home, there would have been no difficulty in getting your election. I am greatly oblidged to you that you have thought me any thing equall to such a trust. It would by no means have suited me (unless I was more capable) to have gone as the country's agent; but I flatter myself if I had gone on the 1° news of the success of the army, on your behalf, from Boston, that by the help of your & my friends it would have been a very easy task to have accomplished those ends that we now propose. In ye present circumstances & scituation of affairs I cannot think of a better expedient than to employ Mr Bollum. One difficulty only occurs to me that is discouraging, which is that if Govr Shirley has promised his interests to Mr Waldo, and has engaged Mr Bollum accordingly, it renders Mr Bollum a very improper person to serve you in ye present affair, though it would then be very consistent for Mr Bollum to serve the army in those regards which I have several times mentioned to you. Now as the Governour will be on the spott when you receive this, give me leave, Sir, to say y^t^ were I in your place, I would know of him whether he was engaged, and if not, pray his letter on your behalf to the Duke & his other friends, and his recommendation of the affair to Mr Bollam; if he is engaged to Mr Waldo or another, I should be glad to have orders to employ Mr Eliakim Palmer & Mr Agent Kilby, — the latter is our very good friend, — or any other persons whom you may like better. Let me have letters to some friend or other of yours, to supply such person or persons on your account with ye needfull to sollicit the affair for you. The expence can't be great, so you need not be concerned about that.

I shall wait your answer before I proceed any further with Mr Bollam, who, I assure you, has appeared very forward to serve you in any regard. As I hinted just now if he is engaged in another interest as to this particular post the Governour knows it, & will (one would think) be so kind as to let you know what you may depend upon. Its a great pleasure to me that you have so just a notion of the army's merit and your own as the head of it. Its true there would been no expedition without you had gone, & if you expostulate wth the Governour upon it (as he is fully sensible thereof) who will be as much served by the enterprise, or more, then any one subject at land, its impossible but he must do every thing in his power for you. If not it would be best by no means to give the point up, for Mr Bollam is, as I have said already, in the busyness of the Province oblidged by absolute necessity so justly to represent matters in favour of the New England troops that the Ministry will easily see who has atchieved the victory; so if the Govr and he are in another's interest they must, in order to obtain their own ends, do every thing necessary. But just ask for ye post, which there is enough will do for you, & either of the gen^n^ I have mentioned might undoubtedly do it effectually, if Mr Bollam is engaged by the Governour another way. Were the post to oblidge you to tarry on the spott I don't wonder you are indifferent about it, or rather determined not to have it. But even in this case, I say, you might sell it with a great deal of honour for a very large sum. I am heartily glad upon the whole that there is any reason to expect you home shortly. Scarce any thing in the world would give me more pleasure, and it's heartily longed for by my dear Moth^r^ Pepperell & your son & daughter & thousands that are no ways related to you.

As to young Royall I am very sorry I was prevailed on to say a word on his behalf. His uncle imposed on

me, as after I wrote I found him to be a most worthless wretch; so I hope you will have taken no notice of him, at least to ye disadvantage of any person living. There is one Capt Gardner gone down some time ago, a very worthy young'gen^n^, who you know so well that I beleive I might have omitted mentioning him. I am glad that you & the Comodore are now in good terms. I flatter myself that they are honourable on your side. I mean that he has made the proper acknowledgments for not knowing his place better then by some of his conduct it appears that he did.

I am greatly oblidged to you, & Brigadier Waldo, to whom I now write, that you will interest Mr Colman & I one half in any purchases you may make. I hope Mr Colman will be down; if not, he will furnish you with the best advices of the prices of India goods both here & in Great Brittain. As you are pleased to repose so much confidence in me as to leave the sollicitation & management of afores^d^ affairs to my prudence, you may depend that I shall act with all the caution and judgment I possibly can. However, Sir, let me beg you'l let me know the needfull with regard to my employing Mr Bollam or not the 1° opp°. My Moth^r^ Pepperrell & Bro^r^ Andrew write you by this opp°. Bettsy sends her duty to her father. She & Natty are both well. I can only add (& I beg pardon for being so tedious) that I hope you'l return as soon as possible, if you are oblidged to visit Cape Breton once more, which I hope won't be the case, and that I sincerely desire to approve myself, with all imaginable regard, Honble Sir,

Y^r^ ob^t^ son & most devoted hum^l^ serv^t^.

N. Sparhawk.

My compliments attend all enquiring friends. I wish I had time to transcribe my letter as I have not; hope you'l excuse what is amiss.

Lieu^t^ General Pepperrell.

RICHARD WALDRON TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Honble Sir, — This day I received your favour of the 30th July, and am much obliged to you for it. I am fully sensible of your continual hurry, and of the weight constantly lying on your mind and on your shouldiers, and of your persevering zeal for promoting the interest of your King and of your country; and I heartily hope your merit will in proper time have its due reward. I am glad the hint I gave of the injurious treatment you had from our Chief was acceptable to you; the part he acted was certainly mean and unhandsome, but it was beyond his power and the influence of his tools to cast any real stains or blemishes on your fame and character, which are great and honorable, and too firmly establish'd to be shaken by him or his dupes. I have had from several quarters the pleasing account that my son had proved himself both a brave and a prudent young man; and what you say of him is no small addition to my pleasure. He has wrote me several times of your favours towards him, and particularly of your late condescentions in conversing with him and asking him to eat at your table, which I acknowledge is a new obligation upon me. As he has already received such favours from your hands, I han't the least doubt of your readiness to shew him any further marks of respect, especially in the article of his promotion, so far as it may fairly fall in your way.

I should be as glad to see your safe return as any man in New England, and yet I can't say I am sorry that you are to tarry where you are till his Majesty's pleasure shall be known, for after you have gain'd so much honor by so remarkable a conquest what pity would it be that any of the brave fellows that have fought so manfully under your banner should be left behind you against their wills, or in any manner of uneasiness and discontent under the

command of indigent and necessitous creatures, or of such as have tyranny blended in their very souls. Give me leave, Sir, to say as a friend that I apprehend the most effectual way of securing the honor and reputation you have gotten by carrying your army into the city will be by bringing those of them out of it, and to their respective homes, who desire to return. We have wretched storys spread amongst us of one New Hampshire officer; if they are true, he is not fit to have a being, either in heaven or on earth. Does it not appertain to you to break and dismiss rogues, knaves and common cheats? Pray excuse these freedoms of a most hearty friend. Mrs Waldron gratefully acknowledges your kindness and civilities to her son, and joyns with me in a tender of our unfeigned respects. I am, hon^ble^ and dear Sir,

Your very much obliged and most obedient humble servant.

RICH^D^ WALDRON.

Honble General PEPPERRELL. PORTSM^O^, Aug^st^ 17, 1745.

JAMES BOWDOIN* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, August 21, 1745.

SIR, — This you'll receive by the hands of my son William Bowdoin, who comes partly to see the place & partly to buy some of the East India goods, of which if there's any worth buying he'll draw for sterling or New England money. I have ordered him to wait on you, to whom I would pray y^r^ advice as y^r^ Honour is more skill'd in those sort of goods than he, & what bills he shall draw for sterling or New Eng^d^ money you may depend will be honourably paid, & if in any thing I can serve you here,

* James Bowdoin, father of Governor Bowdoin, and second son of Pierre Baudouin, a Huguenot refugee, was born near La Rochelle, France, in 1676, and died in Boston, Sept. 8, 1747. He became the leading merchant of his day in Massachusetts, and was for several years a member of the Provincial Council. A copy of this letter, and one of similar date and tenor to Admiral Peter Warren at Louisburg, — both with Bowdoin's signature, — are to be found among the unpublished Bowdoin papers. — EDS.

please freely to command. We remember you often in our Comittee of War, wishing you all prosperity & hope we shall have the pleasure of waiting on you at Boston this fall, if affairs at Louisbourg will admit of y^r^ coming away. We are purchasing provisions and what else you wrote for as fast as possible, & shall be as expeditious in sending them, but we find it difficult to get suitable vessells, for those of 50 or 60 tons won't answer. We would pray you to send ye transports back as soon as they can be unloaded that they may return to you again. I understand there 's a quantity of good sea coal at Spanish River ab^t^ 10 leagues from Louisbourg; if these vessells would bring a load of it would be of great advantage to them and us, for we are like to want wood very much, our vessells being afraid to go to George's, &c., since ye Indians have killed ye men thereabout, of which I suppose you have been informed. His Hon^r^ Govr Phipps has sent for all ye Councellors & there's to be a General Court to-morrow to consult & determine whether we must declare war against Norridgewalk Indians. According to my promise to y^r^ Hon^r^ I have incouraged the goverment to send men to ye eastward all in my power. I am, with the greatest esteem,

Y^r^ Hon^r's^ most humble servant.

JAMES BOWDOIN.

To ye Honble Lieut. General PEPPERELL.

JACOB WENDELL* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Leiu^t^ Generall Pepperell in Levisburgh.

BOSTON, August 23th, 1745.

HONOURABLE & DEAR S^r^, — I have your oblidging and friendly letter of 8th curr^tt^, and do assure you I have and

* Jacob Wendell was born in Albany, N. Y., August 5, 1691, and settled in Boston, where he became a prominent and successful merchant. He was a member of the Council from 1737 to 1750, and Colonel of the Boston regiment, and filled other important offices. He died Sept. 7, 1761. See Bridgman's King's Chapel Burial Ground, p. 237. — EDS.

am doeing all in my power that suitable provision be made for the soldjers at Lewisburgh, both as to provisions and cloathing, and wee continue to buy up all the pork and beaf that come in, and are buying dayly all the cloths suitable, and taylors are at work in making cloathing for the soldjers. The committee are all doeing what wee can to make suitable provision on all accounts. Your letter to Governour Shirley received since he sayled has been of service, I hope; for on its coming to hand, the Leu^{t} Governour by desire and advise of the Councell sent express to all the neighbouring governm^{ts} to desire they would joyn with us in raising men and providing provisions for the garrison that it may be so stored with men, ammunition and provisions that itt may defend ittself from any attempt the French may make against itt, and I am satisfyed by all I can learn the neighbouring governments will do considerable more than they have done, and wee have an account from Virginia that Governour Gooch is raising provisions and ammunition to be sent to you. Wee have last night some bread, flower, & pease arrived from the Jerseys and New York w^{ch}, with some pork and what cloathing and shoes wee can gett ready, will be sent imediately. Please to give my duty to the Governour and service to all friends with you. I remain with the greatest esteem, dear S^{r},

Yo^{r} most obed^{t} humble serv^{tt}.

JACOB WENDELL.

This goes by Mr Phillips, sonn-in-law to Mr Bromfield, and Mr Edward Bromfield, Junr. Your friendship to them while at Lewisburgh will much oblidge their good father and mee too.

Yours, &c. J. W.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

KITTERY, August 24th, 1745.

HONR & DEAR SIR, — My last to you was by Mr Trefethen & Mr Frost, who went together in Trefethen's sloop, both wch letters I hope you have long since received. I have now none of your favours unanswered, so shall be ye more concise. I have had very serious thoughts of waiting on you by the bearer, Capt More, and should certainly have done it, was it not for ye advices I expect from you in regard to what I recomended to you to be committed to the care of Mr Bollum, or some other suitable gentleman, and the utter dislike Bettsy had to my taking a voyage. I shall be expecting your sentiments & comands in consequence of several of my last letters very soon. In the interim I beg leave to recomend my partner Mr Colman to your favour & good offices, who may possibly embark very soon from Boston, in case of his arrivall to you. In case he goes its chiefly to engage if he can a part of the agency of the Indiamen, which tis supposed cannot be legally condemned at Luisbourg, but will be sent up to Boston. Mr Waldo has wrote us we may depend on all the service he can do us in this regard, and your interest & his together, I flatter myself, will be superiour to any that the genn gone on the same errand can make, viz., Messrs Saml Wentworth, Jno Wendell, Josiah Quincy, &c. If they are to be sold at Luisbourg, its thought by some of our wisest men, that the goods should they be sent to England would be seized. Govr Shirley can doubtless well determine this point, and should it be found unsafe to purchase in order to remit to England, there might notwithstanding be a great advantage by sending such goods as you might purchase up here, to be sold on this side of Europe, & there will be safe opportunitys enō of getting them to Piscataqua, and I should wth my partner be much obliged to you & Coll°

Waldo to interest us in the purchases you make, as you have generously & kindly proposed to us in your late letters. China is a very precarious & dull comodity, & if the greatest care is not taken of it, the proffitts on it might be lost in breakage. But handkerchiefs, cotton & silk are much wanted, & you know the value of them in New England, & muslins, striped cottons, pepper, &c. But handkerchiefs, if cheap, are what I should think would sell the best; but one would choose a good assortment, not only of handkerchiefs, but of the other goods. Cochineal is a good article at home, & worth 13/ ℔ lb. and no duty. Raw silk & all other India goods pay a great duty at home, for your government. My greatest dependence of receiving any proffitt by these Indiamen is by having a share in the agency in case they come to Boston to be condemned, & whither Mr Colman goes to Luisbourg or not I flatter myself we shall have a part through your goodness & generosity to us, for which we shall always be oblidged. I cant think but you might have the Governour's interest should you think proper to ask it. This I humbly submit to your wisdom. Bettsy & I are just come from our Mother Pepperrell, who is quite dull with your long absence, & kept alive with the hope of a visit from you shortly. We long for the happy day of your arrival in Kittery, & in the interim wish you may be a peculiar favourite of Heaven, & indeed always. I could greatly enlarge; but Capt Moore's departing sooner than I expected obliges me to conclude with presenting Bettsy's & my most dutyfull regards. I must beg leave to add our dear little son is very well, wch we promise ourselves will be a pleasure to you. I wish it was in my power to do any thing to contribute to your happiness, & am, with all possible respect, hon^d^ Sir,

Y^r^ most ob^t^ son & devoted hum^e^ serv^t^.

N. SPARHAWK.

P. S. I hope you'l excuse me if I just hint to you that its reported here you dress very inferiour to your rank, & don't keep a General's table. I have thought it my duty to mention this to you, especially as I have been desired by my Moth^r^ Pepperrell.

One of my correspond^ts^ write that a war will soon be declared wth ye eastward Indians.

PHILIP LIVINGSTON* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

NEW YORK, 29 Aug^st^, 1745.

HON^BLE^ SIR, — I heartily congratulate you on your great success in the reduction of Louisborough, to his Maj^es^ obedience, in which we visibly perceive that the all overruling Providence has been pleased to take part, and blessed your concern & endeavors for his Maj^es^ interest and the good of his subjects on this continent, to your imortall honour. I hope ye mynistry at home will take effectuall care to have such a considerable acquisition well guarded & suported against all attempts the enemy may make to regain Cape Briton, while the same be of such vast consequence to us all.

My son Henry has an inclination to waite [on ?] you, and to assure you my best regards, and withall to run a chance to buy some price goods, as also to endeav^r^ by your intrest and influence to gett the supplying the garrison at Cape Briton with provisions, which I suppose will be a considerable thing in time. What contracts he engages in I oblidge myself to have performed, and to pay you such a consideration out of the profits as you and my son

* Philip Livingston, second lord of the manor, was born in Albany, July 9, 1686, and died in New York, Feb. 4, 1749. He was father of a numerous and influential family. One of his sons, Peter Van Brugh Livingston was a prominent merchant in New York, and was engaged in furnishing supplies for the expedition against Acadia, in 1755. See Appleton's Cyclopædia of American Biography, vol. iii. p. 741. — EDS.

do agree on, which I hope to be to our mutuall advantage & satisfaction. I am, sincerely, Sir,

Your most humᵇˡᵉ & most obedient servant.

PH. LIVINGSTON.

To the Honᵇˡᵉ [*blank*] PEPPERIL, Esqʳ, Genˡ of his Majᵗʸˢ Land Forces at Cape Briton.

JOHN ALFORD* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SIR, — I heartily congratulate you on the great honʳ you have done your king, your country, & yourself (under the great God, the God of Armes, to whom victory belongs) in reducing Cape Breton to the obedience of his Majesty King George, which I apprehend to be a great step towards vastly enlarging his Majesties empire in America, which I pray God grant in his own time, and that this our country may be great sharers in so great a blessing, and that we may in some degree deserve it by reforming what is amiss among us.

I herewith send you by Capᵗ Tyng half a dozen of the Reverend Mʳ Prentice's Thanksgiving Sermons on that occasion,† which I hope will please your whole army of volunteers, & encourage others on any the like occasion. He has fully shown them by such gallantry the way to gain the hearts & affections of the ladys, which may be as apt to raise courage in a soldier as almost any thing. If your Honour will please to accept of one of them, &

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* Hon. John Alford was baptized at the Old South Church in Boston, July 5, 1685, and died Sept. 30, 1761. To a testamentary provision in his will Harvard College is indebted for the endowment of the Alford Professorship of Natural Theology. See Wyman's Charlestown Genealogies and Estates, vol. i. p. 16; Quincy's History of Harvard University, vol. ii. pp. 141, 142. — EDS.

† Rev. Thomas Prentice's sermon, entitled "When the People and the Rulers willingly offer Themselves, the Lord is to be praised." There are three copies in the Library of the Historical Society. — EDS.

dispose the remainder where you think they will be most acceptable, you will oblige

Your Honour's most obedient humble servant,

JOHN ALFORD.

CHARLESTOWN, 13th Sept^{r}, 1745.

To Lieu^{t} General PEPPERRELL, at Cape Breton.

BENJAMIN AND MARY COLMAN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

For the Honble Lt. General Pepperrell at Lewisburgh.

BOSTON, Septr 21, 1745.

HONOURED SIR, — My heart a little reproves me that I have so long delayed to acquaint you with ye happiness I enjoy in my relation to your hon^{d} sister. She seems also to find a perfect satisfaction in my house, wch I hope wil continue ye few dayes we may expect to be together on earth. It is a smal kind of return into a world we are leaving to marry in age, but I trust we may mutually help one another on in our preparations for eternity. We ask your prayers for us that it may be so. I have done myself ye honour to salute Madam Pepperrell on this gracious event in ye providence of God to me. We hear of ye courage of her love in her purpose by ye will of God to venture thro' ye seas, & winter with you at Louisburgh. May ye God of ye winds & seas support her & give a safe prosp'rous passage & happy return with you to us, as soon as ye publick good will allow of it.

Sir, you are no longer hers nor ours, but your country's & a common father to us all. May the everlasting arms uphold you under all ye weight & fatigue of command & government you are called to sustain. So we pray for his Excellency, our Capt General, & for his Lt General, whom God has also made excellent & dear to us.

Your sister tells me how ye excellent Commodore Warren & your Honour used three or four years ago to talk of his & your going together for ye conquest of

Louisburgh. And now how strangely has ye providence of God in earnest called & prospered you both, in ye thing whereof you were then wont to speak in jest. What a waking dream or impression was here like Joseph's of a certain & determin'd event in ye providence of God for ye good of his Israel. *Nemo vere magnus sine afflatu divino.* Never was so strong a fortress in our times carried with so high a hand by such a handful of brave men, untaught in war. But indeed ye stars fought for us by ye command of God, thro' ye whole expedition, from ye begining to ye end of it.

Mr Sergeant, ye worthy pastor at Stockbridge, visited me yesterday, & inform'd me "that some of ye Mohawk Indians that were at Canada when ye news of ye surrender of Louisburgh came thither are return'd & tell ye surprise it gave ye French Governour & soldiers at ye fort where ye Indians waited on him; but ye captain told ye Indians that ye rogue of a Govern^r^ at Louisburgh had basely sold ye fortress to ye English for money; & that we had not taken but bought it." God grant that His fear may fall upon ye Indians round our borders & intimidate 'em! & may His presence be more & more with you & us, & give us rest & safety.

It looks graciously again upon us that you have notice bro't you of ye near approach of ye French squadron of men-of-war. May ye Lord deliver them also into ye hand of our fleet! Praise waits on our God for this also, & to Him shal the vow be performed.

Three dayes agoe we kept another day of prayer thro' the Province for our borders & for you. Ungrateful to Heaven & you should we be if we did not remember you in our constant & most solemn addresses before ye throne on high, and when we have done that from day to day I then bow with my dear spouse with reverence & affection into your arms, & subscribe at her desire, Hon^d^ Sir,

Your most affectionate & obed^t^ hum. servants.

BENJAMIN & MARY COLMAN.

Dolly is with her mother & asks leave to send her duty.

Postscr. Sir, yesterday a poor, pious widow, Mrs Wheeler, visited me, & begged I would not deny her ye favour of a line that if your Hon^r give leave to any more to return hither her son, Benjamin Wheeler, might be permitted.

Mr Jones of this town is arrived this morning, & brings us ye sorrowful news of ye death of Dr Bulman. His dear & lovely spouse spent a day with us this week, & is returned home. Our hearts bleed for her when ye evil tydings reach her. But her heart is fortified by Grace for them, & O, how good is it to have a principle from on high ag^t such an hour. After ye were illuminated (sayes ye Apostle) ye endured a great fight of affliction. My spouse is very sensible of your own great affliction by his bedside & at his funeral. It aloud calls us to renew our humble earnest prayers for your life.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

My Lord Duke, — I have the honour of your Grace's letter of the 10th of Augt by the Shirley Galley, which came to hand the 23rd of Septr. I beg leave to assure your Grace that it gives me the highest pleasure to find thereby that the news of the reduction of Louisbourg and the territory thereunto belonging was received with so much satisfaction by his Majesty and their Excellencies the Lords Justices, and that they have done me the honour to signifie their approbation of my best endeavours for the service of my Royal Master's interest and the good of my country in this enterprize; and I would beg leave especially with the utmost gratitude to acknowledge and render my most humble thanks to his

Majesty for his royal favour in that great and unexpected dignity he has been graciously pleas'd to confer on my family by creating me a Baronet of Great Brittain (for your Grace's congratulation whereon I beg leave sincerely to thank you). I hope I shall always be ready to express a just sence of his Majesty's royal goodness to me therein by improving all opportunities in my power to cultivate and confirm in the hearts of his Majesty's New English subjects those principles of loyalty and attachment to his royal family which are already so universally embraced by them, and by exerting myself on all occasions for ye honour of his Majesty's arms. It is also peculiarly gratefull to me to find that his Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to express his royall approbation of the officers and soldiers who engaged with me in the expedition against this place. And I esteem it very happy that such speedy measures are concerting for the effectual support and encouragement of this acquisition as appears by the troops and stores orderd here mention'd in y^r^ Grace's letter, and by the other particulars which Mr Warren and myself took the liberty to recommend being under consideration and intended to be determin'd upon without loss of time; and it was with pleasure that I received your Grace's information that the government of this place is given to a gen^l^ so qualified and disposed to promote the wellfare and prosperity of it as Mr Warren, and that the good agreement wch hitherto has, and I'm persuaded always will subsist between us, is so acceptable to his Majesty and their Excellencies; and as nothing induced me to engage at first in this enterprize but the honour of his Majesty's arms and the good of my country, I determin'd positively not to let any punctilios of ceremony with the chief commanding sea officer in regard of precedency or superiority in command prejudice his Maj. service, as has been the case in several expeditions, and I shall wth satisfaction leave this place under his protec-

tion as soon as his commission and the troops necessary for the security of it shall arrive here. Your Grace will be inform'd by him of the capture of a rich South Sea ship; two East India ships, and several other valuable prizes that were taken in sight of the troops some weeks after we had possession of this fortress, and which they think it will be a hardship for them not to share in, whilst it will be so great a reward to the sea officers & saylors.

Your Grace's directions in respect of the drafts and accounts for the repairs and other necessary charges here will be carefully regarded, also that no opportunity be omitted of cultivating a good agreement wth the Indians now in the interest of the French; and I beg leave to assure your Grace that I shall continue my best endeavours whilst here in conjunction wth Mr Warren and also wth Govr Shirley to promote the good settlem^t^ and security of this conquest which we have been so happy as to be instrumental in gaining to his Majesty at this critical juncture, and I beg leave to observe to your Grace that it is with the greatest justice to Govr Shirley that their Excellencies are pleas'd to express their assurance of his hearty concurrence and assistance herein. His great zeal, intire good conduct, and inexpressible application in forming and carrying into execution the expedition against this place must be in some measure known to his Majesty, and needs not my mention of it, wch otherwise I could not omit. I had opportunity immediately to deliver to him here the packetts inclosed for him in your Grace's to me, he having been at Louisbourg for some time past in order to contribute his and the Mass^s^ Province's best assistance in regard to the measures necessary to be taken for the support of this place, and as he will by this opportunity transmit to your Grace a particular account of affairs here, I need not trouble you with a repetition of them, but only beg leave further to observe to your Grace that when Govr Shirley first pro-

posed it to me to take the command of the troops raised for this expedition I declin'd it upon the acc^{t} of the circumstances of my family and business, which were such as I thought would not admit of my leaving them, and that it was by his importunity that I was prevail'd upon to take the command of them, he urging as a reason therefor that the expedition would not go on without himself or I should go at the head of it, and that if he was to go (besides his doubt whether he could possibly justifie his leaving his government without special leave from his Majesty) this expedition might not be properly supported from N. En^{g} in his absence, and since the reduction of the place he has desired me to remain here untill it is effectually secured by his Majesty, but I hope I shall have liberty to visit my family very soon. I am wth all possible esteem and regard, may it please your Grace,

Y^{r} Grace's most obedient and most humble servant.

Wm PEPPERRELL.

LOUISBOURG, Octr 3rd, 1745.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THOMAS CORBETT.*

LOUISBOURG, Octr 3rd, 1745.

SIR,—I am now to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 8th of August by the Shirley Galley, and am extremely obliged to their Lordships of the Admiralty for the congratulations and complements they have been pleas'd to direct you to make to me, and beg leave to return them my sincere thanks therefor.

It gives me great pleasure to find that their Lordships express so much satisfaction at the harmony wch has subsisted between Admiral Warren and myself, wch I make no doubt will always continue, as I trust nothing shall be

* Thomas Corbett was Secretary of the Admiralty, and died in 1751. See Dictionary of National Biography, vol. xii. p. 207. — EDS.

wanting on my part to promote the same, which the good of his Majesty's service, and the greatest esteem and value for Mr Warren's merits, can excite, and I am confident nothing proper will be wanting on his part; and as nothing induced me to engage at first in this enterprize, but the honour of his Majesty's arms and the good of my country, I determin'd positively not to let any punctilios of ceremony with the chief commanding sea officer in regard of precedency or superiority of command prejudice his Majesty's service, as has been the case in several expeditions, and it gives me pleasure that the governmt of this place is conferrd by his Majesty ón a gent so happily qualified and disposed to promote the prosperity of it. It is with the highest satisfaction that we find the news of the reduction of Cape Breton and our services therein were so acceptable to his Majesty, and that such speedy measures are concerting for ye support of it, and we flatter ourselves that the importance of this conquest to the nation in general as well as to his Majesty's American colonies will be made most evident by such happy consequences as will induce his Majesty and the nation readily to support and encourage it as much as possible. And I think the capture of so many of the enemy's rich ships as are already brought into this place is a considerable proof thereof. I am, with perfect esteem, Sir,

Your very humble servant.

W. PEPPERRELL.

Mr Secretary CORBETT

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SIR, — As my friend Mr Kilby has desired me to use my interest with you yt he may be agent of your regiment, designed to be established out of the American troops now under your command, I would beg the favour of you yt you would give me the promise of it for him. This is what I have much at heart to obtain of you, and if

I have any interest with you, shall not be without hopes of succeeding in my request. You know the gentleman whom I recommend very well, and he is your friend. If it was necessary for me to give him a character to you, I should say y^{t} he has deserved extremely well of the Province, and is a person of great integrity and honour and a good friend. Your answer to me in a line will much oblige, Sir,

Your most humble serv^{t}.

W. SHIRLEY.

LOUISBOURG, October 7th, 1745.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERELL, Baronett.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

SIR, — Your Excellency's favour of this date I received, and should have prevent^{d} yor giving y^{r}selfe the trouble of writing, if my indisposition of body had not prevent^{d} my waiting on you & shewing y^{o} a letter I wrote to our friend Mr Kelby, wherein I have promis^{d} that if I should have a regiment I will use my endeavour that he be appoint^{d} agent to it. And nothing will give me more pleasure than obliging yor Excellency in serving any friend of yo^{rs}. I am with all dutyfull regards,

Yo^{r} Excellency's most obed^{t} humble serv^{t}.

W. P.

LOUISBOURG, Octob^{r} 7th, 1745.

SPENCER PHIPS* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, October ye 11th, 1745.

SIR, — His Excellency Governour Shirley having favoured us with the copy of a letter from the Duke of

* Spencer Phips was born in Rowley, Mass., June 6, 1685; graduated at Harvard College in 1703; and died April 4, 1757. He was for eleven years one of the Council, and Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts from 1732 to his death. See Drake's Biographical Dictionary, p. 714; Whitmore's Mass. Civil List. — EDS.

Newcastle to yourself & Admiral Warren, which signifies his Majesty's great satisfaction with the success of his arms against Louisbourg, and that his Majesty has been pleased to confer on you the dignity of a Barronet of Great Britain, I do therefore embrace this oppertunity heartily to congratulate you upon that occasion; and as I make no doubt of your particular zeal, so I hope we shall all of us unanimusly exert ourselves with the utmost vigour for the protection & maintenance of such a valuable conquest. It rejoices me much that you have a prospect of men and stores being sent you from home. I hope they will speedily arrive for the comfort & support of the garrison. It likewise gives me a great deal of pleasure to hear of his Majesty's good intention of rewarding those brave officers and soldiers who have been instrumental of the late glorious acquisition. Would to God that all his Majesty's arms might be crowned with the like success that so the war might be happily ended; and so long as it continues may we be enabled to shew ourselves men, and vigorously pursue what may be for the honour of God and religion, and for the service of our King & country. I am, Sir,

Your sincere friend and most humble servant.

S. PHIPS.

P. S. We are now a celebrating the King's coronation and drinking health to all our friends at Cape Breton.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Baronet.

JOSIAH WILLARD TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

DEAR SIR,—Thô it may be somewhat unseasonable to congratulate you upon the reduction of Cape Breton, yet it is not so upon the acc^{t} of his Majesty's gracious acceptance of your services & the services of the troops under

BYFIELD LYDE* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Honble Sir, — As Mr Belcher has wrote your Honour in my behalf, entreating you on account of the ancient friendship between the familys that you would please to cast a compassionate eye towards the only branch of the Belcher family who has any children, you will permit me, althô I cant boast of the honour of an intimate acquaintance with you, to back his request with the most earnest intreaties, as I have the passions of an husband and parent strongly working in my breast, which passions when any one is so happy as your Honour to be the favourite of God and man give the most agreable sensations, but when depressed, as is my unhappy lot, give the most severe pain. Therefore, Sir, for the sake of the only daughter of your hon^ble friend, Govr Belcher, who with his family have had hard measure meeted to them, and her numerous tender offspring, allow me with the greatest emotions of heart to beseech you'll grant his request. May you long live the favourite of Heaven, the King, and your country, as also in imitation of your great Lord and Master, the refuge of the distressed and oppressed. I am with the greatest respect and duty, Honble Sir,

Your Honour's most obedient and most humble servant.

Byfield Lyde.

Boston, October 26th, 1745.

The Honble Sr William Pepperell. Baronet.

* Byfield Lyde was a grandson of Judge Nathaniel Byfield, and married the only daughter of Governor Belcher. He graduated at Harvard College in 1723, espoused the side of the mother country at the time of the Revolution, and went with the British army to Halifax, N. S., where he died in 1776. See Sabine's American Loyalists, vol. ii. p. 35; 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vols. vi., vii., *passim*. — Eds.

CHARLES CHAUNCY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To Sir William Pepperrell, Baronet, Lieutenant General of the Forces at Cape Breton. These ℣ Dr Rand.

DEAR SIR, — I heartily congratulate you upon the honor done you by his Majesty in making you a Baronet of Great Brittain, and I am the more pleased wth it as it comes in reward for your services for your country in such an important article as that of the capture of Cape Breton. We hear you are to be made Brigadier General and to have a regiment, wth liberty of absence. I rejoice wth you in this prospect of *profit* in addition to the *honor* done you. I hope you will make it your endeavour to do all the service you can and are furnisht wth ability and advantage to do by your superiour station in life. God will expect more of you in proportion to what he gives you, and I hope you will wisely and faithfully improve every talent he puts into your hands.

Mr Loyd, Governour Belcher's son-in-law, has desired me to write to you in favour of him. He tells me he has wrote to you himself. What it is in particular he desires I dont know; but I suppose any office that will bring in the cash will be agreable to him. If it sh^d^ lay in your power to serve him I know your regards to Governour Belcher will incline you to do so. And I believe his circumstances are such as to lay him under obligations of gratitude to you if you could put him into any place of profit. I told him if you had any places to dispose of those who venturd y^r^ lives in the expedition and were upon the spot were most likely to be preferred. But he insisted upon my writing to you, wch I have accordingly done, and sh^d^ be glad if he might, consistent wth justice to other persons, be gratified in his desires. We hope to see you w^n^ the Governour comes. You have my hearty

wishes for your protection while absent, and safe return w^n^ Providence shall make a way for it

Your loving brother & humble servant.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

BOSTON, Octr 29, 1745.

To Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Baronet.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To Sir William Pepperrell att Cape Breton. p Byfeild Lyde, Esqr.

HON^D^ SIR, — The bearer of this is my friend and relation, Byfeild Lyde, Esqr, who has been advised to proceed as farr as Luisbourg by many of his friends, in hopes that something might offerr there for his advantage; and having determined on the voyage, he has desired a line from my Mother Pepperrell and myself of recomendation to you. I need not acquaint you how nearly he is allyed to our late Governour, and to the Honble & good Judge Byfeild, whose memory I am sure will always be greatly valued by you; nor could you do anything I presume that would be more acceptable to them were the gentlemen both living and with you, as was the case once, then to serve their & my relation whom I would recomend to your favour and patronage, and may I be allowed to say that the having of it in one's power to assist a family that stands in need of it, and a disposition to the same (which I am confident you'l find in you) who have descended from hon^ble^ ancestors, & are at present not in the sunshine of an outward prosperity, has a tendency, and a very great one too, of recomending such a benefactor to the favour of Heaven, and of deriving on him & his family from thence the best & most lasting blessings. I beg pardon if my zeal for my friend's welfare has carried me too great a length. My Mother Pepperrell has wrote you by Capt Branscomb on this occasion, & that I may not be tedious give me leave only to add further that any service

you may do Mr Lyde I shall look upon as a singular favour, & that I am with all possible respect, Hond Sir,

Yr most obt son & devoted hum. servt.

N. SPARHAWK.

KITTERY, October ye 30th, 1745.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

[November, 1745.]

HONd SIR, — I am highly oblidged to you for your much esteemed favours of the 26th Septr p Capt Ward & two of the 10th ultimo p Capt Moore. In the former I received ye copy of the Duke of Newcastle's letter to you, and Mr Corbett's from the Admiralty, and in one of the latter I received an accot of some of the goods taken out of the prises wherein you were concerned. I shall now beg leave to make a reply to them, having had no oppo 'till this.

I most heartily congratulate you upon the notice you have had taken of you and the honours done you by his Majesty, as a proof of his great approbation of the eminent honour you have done his arms in the expedition to Luisbourg and the notable service you have done the nation and your country. I sincerely wish that you may live long & happily reflect on your atchievements, and that you may be more the favourite of Heaven then you can desire to be of our King, with whom & his Ministry your character is now so well established that I am pretty confident, were it not in your power from your present circumstances to make your family in all its branches for this world, your recomendations of them at home would be sufficient, and had you applyed for the government of Luisbourg in season, & for liberty of living at Kittery, I am much inclined to think you would have obtained it, inasmuch as it was late before you wrote and its disposed of another way. I am sorry you wrote at all for

it; but this can't now be helped, and perhaps it may make way when there is a civil government established for your being appointed. I should been glad you had acquainted me with the contents of your letters to Mr Kilby, as I should then have better known what to write him then I do now. I shall, however, earnestly recomend to him and my other friends in England that you may have the victualling of the regiment you are to command & to have leave to retire. This, I think, Sir, is what you desired of me, and should it not be granted, I hope you'l not accept it, I mean to live from home, nor any other post, upon terms wch would make your whole family unhappy. But as I hinted just now, I really think that you may depend upon any favour being done you or yours, that you could reasonably ask for yourself or family, if its done in proper season, and in a suitable way, especially at a time when the nation will be oblidged to go greater lengths in a French warr then they have yet done, & perhaps on this continent; not that I think any favours being done you would lay you under strict obligations to engage in another expedition. But I imagine they would be conferred to excite in America the same spirit universally that you have given demonstration actuated you. I heartily pray that it may please God safely & speedily to return you to your native country, and I hope the arrival of the troops from abroad will soon bring about this happy event, when I suppose it will be very consistent with your honour to quit your station. I have no reason to think that Mr Kilby will be wanting to serve you, and I beleive he is a gen^t^ of integrity & good capacity. I wrote you long since that I had a great deal of discourse with Mr Bollum about his voyage, and particularly enquired of him if it was consistent with any engagements he was under to serve you, & he answered me readily that it was, and that he would whenever you or I on yor behalf

desired it do you any service in his power, upon which I told him I should write to you & doubted not that you would incline to make some use of him and duly consider him on account of the services he might do you, as also for those he had already done in securing your $\frac{1}{8}$th of the prises, &c. Now please to permit me to say that though you have applyed to Mr Kilby & some other friends, yet as Mr Bollom is immediately concerned, & is sent home on purpose by the General Court to represent the expedition to his Majesty in the most favourable light he possibly can, & has the Governour's recom̃enda-tion to the Duke of Newcastle, as well as many other letters to some of the most considerable men in ye nation, how natural & easy will it be for him to say that there was not a person in the country that could have carried out with them, especially so soon, the number of gen^{n} & soldiers that you did, &c., and all very consistent with his regard for the Governour. I say, Sir, that he will have such an opp^{o} of strengthning your interest at Court, that I should esteem it a very prudent step to write him, and give him 50£ sterling or 100£ for private services. I should have done it 'ere this, but upon mentioning it in the family, my bro^{r} Andrew thought it best not, & I was not willing to be too officious; so I shall attend your further com̃ands. Capt Moore is gone to Boston with his coal, & hope he'll meet a good markett. I am very much oblidged for the two hh^{ds} Clarett you sent me by him. They are good & cheap. I shall have no part of the goods which came in the chest, so if your leisure will allow of it, & its not too much trouble, please to lay out the remainder of my money as you may judge best, or return it, in case you have not occasion of it. I am every day expecting to go to the Genl Court, where I understand Coll^{o} Hale determines to be very troublesome, and when I am at Boston I shall endeavour to get the schooner's hire & George's wages, also your part of the

prises sold at Boston, and the goods taken out of them at Canso, &c. In the mean time I have ordered you from Boston 10 hh^{ds} rum. Its now dear; should it fall I'le send you 10 more, & consign them to Coll^{o} Bradstreet, in your absence, as you direct. I am very glad you didn't make a power to Messrs Wendells. I look upon it as very officious in the gen^{n} to desire it when you have two sons who with^{o} vanity may think themselves as equal to the trust. As to the little reflections cast on you for your dress, &c., I thought them of as little consequence as you do, especially as I beleived them to be unjust, and didn't mention them to make you uneasy, but out of duty and faithfullness to you, I might say, and partly for the love I have for myself, for I am sure I bear a part of all the troubles y^{t} I know you meet with, as well as share in your pleasures, which have not been very frequent, I beleive, since you left home, only as the service of your country lying quite near your heart has even invited fategue & almost changed the nature of it with you. May the best of blessings reward your valour and inviolable attachment to your country.

Bettsy sends her duty to you, but laments exceedingly that she has not had one letter from you in all your absence. Your grandson has had a very ill turn, but is almost well again.

I wrote Brigadier Waldo by Capt Frost, but have not any answer from him, which I wonder at. My compliments attend him & all the gen^{n} of my acquaintance in the garrison. My Mother Pepperrell & Bro^{r} write you by this opp^{o}, and I shall do myself the honour of writing you again very soon from Boston. I would now only add (& I beg pardon for being so tedious) that I sincerely long for your happy arrival here, & am with all possible regard, Hon^{d} Sir,

Y^{r} most ob^{t} son & most devoted hum^{l} serv^{t}.

N. Sparhawk.

P. S. I was exceedingly glad Brigadier Dwight came in here, as I by that means had an opp° of shewing him all the civilitys at my house that I could, & have made an acquaintance with a very agreeable gentleman.

*Nov*r 5th. Yesterday arrived Coll° Mesharvey,* who brought letters for my mother & bro^r, but none for me. Its an unspeakable pleasure to me to have a letter from you, & I shall be greatly oblidged for ye fav^r of one as often as you can write wth any conveniency. I heartily rejoyce that you were well when Coll° Mesharvey came from Luisbourg, & I hope you yet enjoy your health, & will for a long series; & according to your expectation that the troops are by this time arrived and you ready for embarkation for yor native land, where I once more wish for your happy & joyfull arrivall. I am in great haste, Hon^d Sir,

Your ob^t son & devoted servant.

N. SPARHAWK.

P. S. I shall be heartily glad to see you in your seat at the General Court this winter for many reasons, wch I cant now mention, th° I think them of considerable importance to you.

Yo^rs ut supra.

N. S.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

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* Nathaniel Meservé, Lt.-Colonel of the New Hampshire Regiment. Three emigrants of the name, alike descendants "of an aboriginal family of Jersey," came to New England. Nathaniel was the son of Clement M. of Newington, and grandson of the first emigrant. He was a carpenter, and as such rendered important services before Louisbourg. He devised the sledges upon which the siege train was hauled over a morass by men knee-deep in mud. He commanded a regiment at Crown Point in 1757, and in 1758 was sent, with the rank of Colonel, in charge of two hundred ship-carpenters to the second siege of Louisbourg. There Col. Meservé and two sons died of smallpox. The name is variously spelled; but the correct spelling is Messervy, the name of the ancient Jersey family from whom the American branches descend. See Payne's Armorial of Jersey. — EDS.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO SILAS HOOPER.*

LOUISBOURG, Novr 9th, 1745.

Mr SILAS HOOPER, SIR, — I have wrote you several letters since I have been on this island & this place has been reduced to his Majesty, but have not been favourd with any from yo. I am apt to think my friends will be surprisd to think how I came to leave my pleasant seat & agreable family where I livd as well as any man in New England, & my estate when I left it would allow me so to do, and when it was first mentiond to me I was very loth to come, Mrs Pepperrell being in an ill state of health & my business unsettld, but when ye Govr, Council & Speaker of ye Lower House told me there would be no expedition without I would head ye forces, and when I considerd that ye French from this place had destroyd Canso & attackt Annapolis Royal, wch if they had taken ye neutril French there would have joynd them, & then I had reason to think that in time they would have destroyd ye eastern part of New England, & Newfoundland would have stood but a poor chance, so that ye greatest part of ye codd fishery in a short time would have been in ye French hands, and great part of our trade to New England, Verginia, &c., intercept by ym, upon these considerations I undertook this difficult hazardous enterprise, & thrô divine assistance have succed. It was then exceeding cold here, and inclosed you have a true journal of our proceedings, wherein you will plainly see that those forty-fications were subdued by ye New England land army; none of ye King's ships ever came within random shot of any of the fortifications during ye whole siege untill it was surrender & then came into ye harbour. There is no doubt Admirl Warren did every thing he could to keep

* This letter is printed from a rough draught, with numerous erasures and corrections in Pepperrell's own hand. Mr. Hooper was apparently a merchant in England. See 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. vi. p. 379. — EDS.

out any supplys from coming into this harbour by cruising off ye same. When this place was first subdu^d^ to his Majesty I had tho^ts^ of returning to my family & if I could have had a regiment establish^d^ & liberty to return to New England & have taken some rest, for I have been exceedingly hares^d^ ever since I have been from thence, I should have been easey, but ye troops not coming from Europe has prevent^d^ me hitherto, but it never enter^d^ into my tho^ts^ that I should be continu^d^ here under ye command of any person, and if any person has so far merit^d^ his Majesty's favour on ye acco^t^ of this expedition as to have a regiment & ye government, and liberty to retire when his Majesty service will allow of it, I have so much vanity as to think I have; and I desire you as an old acquaintance and particular friend to bestir yor self on my acco^t^, and if any thing offers worth my accept^ce^ lay in for me, & I will make you sattisfaction for all trouble & charge, & I do think all my brother merch^ts^ ought to assist me, for I think this is ye greatest conquest that has been made in ye English nation for some years by any troops that have had a merch^t^ at ye head of them. My son Andrew Pepperrell is in my business at Piscataqua & will do you or any of y^r^ friends all ye service in his power. As to the Province of ye Massachusets Bay who has ben at ye greatest part of the expence of this expedition will be so involv^d^ by it that they will never get cleare of it without assist^ce^ from at home. What I expect from them will never bare neare my exp^ce^, neither are they able to do more.

BENJAMIN COLMAN TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Boston, Novem. 9, 1745.

Most hon^b^ & dear Sir, — Yesterday I had ye honour & great favour of yours of Octr 22, which gave your dear sister, who is alwayes thinking & speaking of you & pray-

ing for you & her son, your steward, a pleasure next to seeing you. To hear of your continued health fills us wth thanksgivings to God, & we beseech Him for ye continuance of it & ye prolongation of your life to his further glory from you & further services to your King & country. I easily believe, dear Sir, how much you long to see your family & friends, & we may allow to you to feel even more than what we do within ourselves. You have endeared yourself to us a thousand fold. I mean God has endeared you thus to us. Y^e^ name of Pepperrel wil stand lov'd in ye annals of New England forever; but it is a name written in Heaven that you seek & we wish you, out of ye house of our God. I shal most readily obey your command to me to write to Madam, whose faith & patience with prayer & thanksgiving night & day wil hold out & increase, I trust, till ye joy comes of having you again in her arms. I had ye pleasure of seeing your son once at my house & of dropping to him ye most tender & useful words that occurrd to me, wch he heard wth great respect. I pray God to make him to our children more than his father has been to us in his generation. I hear well of his conduct in your absence, & I beseech God to give him wisdom & discretion & keep him humble under ye hereditary honours wch Divine Providence may distinguish him withal in his day. I know, Sir, your prayers for him y^t^ he may live before God with ye blessing of Abraham to his seed after him.

Your chearful submission to ye will of God if he call you to stay where you are this winter quite refreshes my soul. Y^e^ Lord who spirits you preserve you in your stay & in your return. But I am ready to pray for you that your return to us may not be in ye winter! it is, methinks, winter with you already, althô ye finest weather with us that can be; but one fortnight more & we shal be frozen like you. I beseech you, Sir, not to be willing to fight your way to us thro ye floating mountains of ice. When

ye spring & ye singing of birds comes on fly to us as fast as you will, i. e., as fast as God pleases to fill your sails. God has done great things for us by you & our brethren whereof we are glad; & we give him all ye glory of ye brave spirit with wch you have been enabled to act, & God forbid we should do otherwise. He sent Moses His servant & Aaron w^m^ He chose, & if He chuses to send us on any services to His name & people let us be humble & thankful & adoring. — Lord, why me? Your care & sollicitude, I see, is more for us & our naked coasts than for yourselves: it ought to increase ours for you, & I hope we have return'd it to you in our sollicitous prayers. I am not without ye apprehension of ye terror & damage a single ship or two of war might bring on our native coasts & to what revenges they are provoked.

I have wrote home to Dr Avery, ye chairman of ye Committee of ye Dissenters at London & thrô England, in ye most pungent manner I could, that Annapolis might no longer remain an unprofitable & expensive garrison to ye Crown, but be put under a civil governm^t^; & ye same I wish respecting Louisbourgh that families & towns & churches (by ye will of God) may multiply thro a string of provinces down to ours, & I hope this is ye veiw & pleasure of a gracious Providence in what God has wro't for us this summer.

It has been sickly too with us this autumn, but a fine season we now enjoy, with a most plentiful harvest. I hear that dear Mrs Bulman is graciously supported under her heavy bereavment; & what cannot grace carry ye tenderest soul thrô? a soul espoused to Christ can surrender every thing to him & cast itself & its orphans on him. I am sensible of ye vast burden lying on you daily in ye applications to you of multitudes to return home, while you dare not yourself think of leaving ye garrison. May God fortify you to bear ye burden of your post, & work for their return home with you in his time. Next to your

hon^{d} lady, my dear spouse longs to imbrace you. We begin daily now to expect a signal from dear Govern^{r} Shirley of his & his lady's arrival. I have had two pleasures ye two last weeks, in one of wch Mr Bollan's infant by ye father's order visited me, & in ye other Mrs Wilmot & ye Governour's daughter visited your sister. God has endeared us to every branch of his Excellency's house by all ye great things he has been spirited & helped to do for us. Mercy & truth be to him & his.

Mr Newman, chaplain to Coll. Waldo's regiment, calls in upon me this moment, & is glad of ye honour to deliver what I write to his General. I judge him to be a very worthy young gentleman, & pray God to bless him in ministring to ye regiment & garrison in his station. I think him as likely as any one here to be willing to remain a chaplain with a N. E. regiment, if called to do so, but then he must return to receive ordination. But it is likely his manner of life, gifts, powers, & inclinations may be more known to many with you than to me. He seems bright, active, & manly, w^{ch}, adorned with ministerial gifts & a heart to serve Christ & souls, wil make a brave man & minister. Such I heartily wish him & your countenance, Sir, to encourage & animate him so to approve himself. Ten thousand blessings crown you in your advancing years. I salute Coll. Waldo & Coll. Moulton with ye same good wish. You are ever with us at our fireside, table, & closet. So be it to us in y^{rs}. I am, hon^{d} Sir,

Your most affec. & obliged humble servant & unworthy brother. BENJAMIN COLMAN.

My spouse prayes you to make her humblest salutations acceptable to Admiral Warren & lady, in wch I strongly joyn with her.

THOMAS KERBY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

London, November the 11th, 1745.

Dear S^{r},— Your most oblidging letter of the 3^{d} ultimo I have recd. and heartily congratulate you on the success of his Majesty's arms under your command against Cape Breton, as well as on the civil and military honours that he has so justly and graciously been pleased to conferr on you, hoping that you may long live to enjoy both, especially the regiment which I apprehend will in some measure contribute to repay the great expence that you have been at on the expedition, the success of which will greatly redound to the honour and advantage of the Crown and nation, provided we do but keep the place upon the conclusion of a peace with France, which by the addresses in our printed papers is most ardently desired by all but the merchants of this city, who are such perfect courtiers that they did not think proper to take any notice of it in their last address to his Majesty, until it was moved for by Captain Thomas King, and seconded by myself, and then all we could obtain about it was to have it inserted in the weak and languid manner that it now stands, which is shameful. But I assure you that we could not get even those words put in until Captain King told them that if they did not do it, we would form another address and apply by ourselves with as many as would join us therein, upon wch the leading men of the Committee agreed to it. However I believe I may venture to say that they afterwards went to the other end of the town to know whether it would be agreeable or not to have those words inserted before they got the address engrossed, from whence you may judg of what is to be expected from those who ought to have sayd the strongest things about keeping it. However, as the Mayor and Aldermen of this city, as well as many other parts of the nation, have in their addresses made strong representations on that subject I

believe it will not easily be given up. But I will not be too sanguine in my hopes for fear of accidents, especially after what I have already seen in the conduct of the trading body of this great city, which grieves me much. But as there is no help for it I must submit.

As soon as I recd. your letter I went to the Warr Office to enquire about your commission for the regiment that his Majesty has been pleased to give you, and found that it was taken out by Mr Kelby, who I presume has forwarded the same to you by some of the ships that are now going with stores for the use of the garrison at Louisbourg, and therefore needless for me to say anything more to you about it. But if in any other respect I can be of service to you either here or elcewhere be so good as to let me have your commands, and they shall be received with pleasure and executed with zeal.

I long ago wrote to Mr Blizard of Antigua about settling yor accounts, and remitting effects to pay the ballance that was due to you from my son Norbury, and therefore I hope it has been complyed with. But if not, be pleased to let me know it, and I will repeat my directions, being sincerely desirous of having these old affairs finished as soon as possible.

As to publick affairs here I can say little about them with certainty, and therefore I must begg that you will give me leave to referr you to the newspapers. But I am in hopes that France will be discouraged from assisting the Pretender's son and the rebels that are now in arms; for I am this day told from pretty good authority that the King of Prussia has signifyed to the French court that if they do he must be oblidged to declare warr against them, not only on acco^{t} of his affinity to the present family, and the Pretender's religion, but out of gratitude to this nation for settling the Crown on him if the present family should be extinct, wch if true will certainly have some weight with the Gallic monarch. But whether it has or not, I am

in hopes that we shall in a little time be able to overcome the rebels and all their adherents, which I pray God to grant, and am, dear S^{r},

Your most oblidged and affect. humble servant.

Thõ Kerby.

P. S. The health of yo^{r}self & Admiral Warren are often drank here on acc^{t} of the important service that you have done the nation in the conquest of Cape Breton, and as I have some little acquaintance with the Admiral, I begg you will make him my compliments, assuring him that I truely rejoyce at the hon^{r} and profitt that has thereby accrewed to him.

ANDREW LE MERCIER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Sir, — I have received your Honour's letter of the 25th of last month. As you have been pleased to recommend to Mr Boutineau and myself to take care of Mrs Lacarrett, we received the whole family into our houses till they could be better provided. Herself, two of her children, and her maid have lodged at my house for these six days past, and they seem well pleased with the manner myself and children have used them. Mrs Lacarret hath been indisposed, but is growing better, and is to move to-morrow into her new house. As to their souls, I will as opportunity serves to shew them the errors of their ways. After all it is to the work of Grace and time to persuade them to leave them. As to the other prisoners who lodge in goal tho' they have the liberty of the town, I, besides the publick instructions I give them in our meetinghouse, go every day to goal to preach or read and expound to them a chapter in course and also to pray with them. And blessed be God, some receive my instructions well, and most seem to be thankful for t!e

trouble I take, so that I hope it will not be altogether fruitless, and that the good seed of the word will spring forth one time or other, and multiply abundantly. It is the subject of my earnest prayers to the Lord of the harvest. I pray Him also to pour down upon your Honour's person, family, and undertakings His most precious blessings, and I return unto Him my just and hearty thanks for your success in taking Louisbourg. That conquest is without doubt the answer of the fervent prayers of many thousands of souls. The Lord of Hosts is the first cause of that noble conquest. Happy and glorious is it for you, Sir, that you and the army under your command have been the second and instrumental cause to obtain such a conquest. I congratulate your Honour upon that admirable succes and the distinguished titles the King hath conferred upon you, and most humbly thank you for the many and great favours you have been pleased to bestow upon my son. At any time I shall have all due and just regards to your commands and recommendations, as being, Sir,

Your Honour's most humble and obliged servant.

ANDREW LE MERCIER.

P. S. Sir, just now Mrs. Lacarret desires me to assure your Honour of her services.

To the Honourable Sir WILLIAM PEPPERELL at Louisbourg.
BOSTON, the 14th of 9ber, 1745.

RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Sr Wm Pepperrell, at Louisbourg.

LONDON, 9ber the 26th 1745.

Sr Wm PEPPERRELL, — Thy kind favour of the 4 Octo last I have recd. & am well pleased mine was in any degree acceptable to thee, & to see thy offers of friendship so kindly expressed to me. This nation are in general now

so senceable of ye importance & vast advantage that the acquisition of Cape Briton will be of to us, that ye people in diverse places of ye kingdom have in their late addresses to ye King made mention thereof with high esteem & congratulations. And now as thou hast a regiment given thee, and that there will be a necessity of thy employing an agent here, I shou'd be glad to serve thee in that capacity which I pswade mysef w^d^ be transacted to thy satisfaction, I being well acquainted with ye proper offices here. And as a lett^r^ of attorney must be on stamp paper I make bold to inclose one properly drawn to be executed by thee if thou shallt think fitt, wch I submit, however, to thy freedom & consideration. I am senceable several are putting in for ye place, the nomination & choice being intirely with thee & no body elce. My Bro^r^ Belcher, I find, by ye pswasion of some gentlemen, has recomended another person to thee, wch was done while I was gone on a journey into ye country, & before I had sayd anything to him of it, or elce I dare say he would have recomend^d^ me. I am sure he had most reason for it. But whether thou willt see meet to prefer one who is an utter stranger to thee, as well as (phaps) a stranger to merchandize too, or one who is thy countryman & formerly a neighbour, must be left to thy option ; and allthô other letters on this subject may have been forwarded to thee prior to mine, yet I am apt to think this may reach thy hands as soon as them.

Respecting publick news, the war with France & Spain continues still & likely to do so. And now this Kingdom is embroiled by the breaking out of a rebellious war at home in favour of ye Pretender, whose eldest son land^d^ a few mo^s^ past in Scotl^d^ wth a handfull of men, & has since got together a formidable army of seven or eight thousand Highlanders, who after taking Edinbrough & some other places in Scotland have ent^d^ England, taken ye city of Carlisle, from thence marched to Kendal, com-

ing on southw^{d}, are now got into Lankash^{r}, where it is very probable they will meet with a check, if not an engagem^{t} by our army, consisting of abo^{t} 10,000 men under the Duke of Cumberland & Generall Legonier. We have another army of yet superiour force under Field Marshall Wade marched in quest of them from Newcastle, but the roads are bad and difficult to pass this rigid season of the year. It is a calamitous and very suffering time wth the poor country people in y^{e} north where the Pretender's men are ravaging. The French have been some time making preparations for an embarkation to Scotland, to further & assist the Pretend$^{r's}$ cause, & some of their ships have sailed out once or twice, but driven back by contrary winds, yet one of their privateers has been lately taken by an English man-of-war & bro^{t} into the Downs, having on board the Earl of Derwentwater & several gen^{ll} & other officers, &c., bound to Scotland, wch must be a consid^{ble} mortification to ye rebells & advant^{e} to us. For the rest I refer to y^{e} prints herewith sent, & remain with due respects.

Thy assured friend,

RICH^{D} PARTRIDGE.

duplicate.

I sh^{d} think y^{e} power of attorney had best be signed & sealed before two witnesses who may be coming over hither.

Its sayd one of y^{e} Pretend$^{r's}$ sons is taken in y^{e} above mention French ship.

Note, a regiment has in it 10 companys, each comp^{a} of 4 serjeants, 4 corporals, 2 drums, 100 private men. And for thy further governm^{t} I thought it really necessary to send thee a copy of the Establishment, which also comes herewith, & on the back of it is put down ye estimate of ye offreckonings for ye cloathing of ye men, so thou willt see there is a fund for cloathing money suffi-

cient. This is assigned by ye Col^o^ to ye agent or cloathier for cloathing provided for ye regim^t^, which they give a defeasance for the remainder, to be accountable after paying for ye cloathing. R. P.

As there are sev^l^ captains gone over to thee from hence, if they sh^d^ find it impracticable to get men enlisted wth you for ye service (as phaps they may) I am apt to think upon a strong representation from thee in that case, I might prevaile wth the Ministry here to authorize thee to nominate cap^te^ there for the service, for its thought they will grant any thing to save that important place of Cape Briton.

JONATHAN BELCHER TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

S^r^, — My last was 20 Septemb^r^ by Craigy to N. England, since which I have reciev^d^ your favour of 7 Octob^r^ from Louisburg, by which I find you had been much fatigu^d^ with shipping off the French inhabitants & in repair of the fortifications. I am sorry to hear of the sickness among the troops, & glad to find you have your health so well. You have long since had an acco^t^ of the King's giving you a regiment & of making you a Baronet of this kingdom; & since Mr Warren is made Governour of Cape Breton, I can think of nothing else worth your acceptance, unless the Ministry would give you the contract for victualling the garrison of Louisburg, which I mention^d^ to you in mine of 16 Aug^t^ & 20 Septr. It would be a fine thing & natural to you as having been a gent^n^ in trade, & might be chiefly manag^d^ by your two sons under your care & direction. I suppose the supply would amount to thirty-six thousand pounds sterl. a year, a fine sum to go thrô your hands in bills of exch^e^. Indeed, I think, to have this well fixt would exceed all

other things in reward for your good services & great fatigues in the reduction of Cape Breton. My good brother, Mr Partridge, is very capable & wou^d^ be very ready to serve you in this business, & which I should take from you as a particular favour. Wishing you much health & happiness, I remain, Hono^ble^ S^r^,

Your friend & most humb. servant.

J. BELCHER.

LONDON, Decem^r^ 2, 1745.

Sr WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

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RICHARD PARTRIDGE TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To Sr William Pepperrell, Barronet, at Cape Briton or New England.
Pr Capt Dumaresq.

Sr Wm PEPPERRELL. LONDON, Decr the 2, 1745.

I have lately writt thee of ye 26 ult., to which I refer. This now accompanys a letter from my Bro^r^ Belcher to thyself, recomending to thee thy putting in to be Agent Victualer for ye garrison of Cape Briton, wch has indeed a very promising aspect in that it w^d^ be greatly to thy advant^e^, & as somebody must have it we think thou mightst easily obtain it, for that ye ministry w^d^ undoubtedly be very ready yet to consider thee in something further by way of gratuity for thy services. And ye better to facilitate the thing we think a letter obtained from Govr Shirley in thy favour to Hen. Pelham, Esqr, who is first comm^r^ of the Treasury, w^d^ be of singular service, and if thou shallt think fitt to employ me in it as thy agent here (which I w^d^ willingly accept off) & send me thy orders about it, I shall do my utmost endeavour in the sollicitation thereof for thee. I am

Thy assured friend.

RICH^D^ PARTRIDGE.

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* These words refer to the letter of Richard Partridge which immediately follows, and which was written on the reverse page of Belcher's letter. The superscription is in Partridge's handwriting. — EDS.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Boston, Decem^{r} 6th, 1745.

Hon^{D} Sir, — The last I was hon^{d} with from ye was of the 28th October, & ye 2^{d} November. There is nothing in them that demands a particular answer, saving what relates to your interest in the prises; and as to them I have got a power from my Mother Pepperrell in order to receive your part, and shall herein omit nothing that I see its for your interest to do. I have not had opportunity yet of seeing Judge Auchmuty, being but just come to town, but shall take the first that presents to lay in for your interest in Capt Richardson's prise, if I find its recoverable. I have spoke to Commissary Wheelwright, and he promises me to keep enough in his hands 'till he can attend to settle with me, which he'll do as soon as the vessells going to Cape Breton are dispatched. I have endeavoured to get freight on board some of these vessells for your rum, say 20 hh^{ds}, but can't yet. The Province will soon take up more, when I doubt not to be accomodated. If I have time before the bearer goes I shall put aboard some chocolate, &c., for you, as I fear you are in some danger of being without such things, from your family's expectation of your returning this fall or winter, wch we now despair of almost, and hardly anything could give us the pain it does that you should be detained so long from your native country & family. We have been exceedingly concerned, and my Mother Pepperrell almost overwhelmed, with the news of your indisposition. I desire to thank God that Capt Tilden, who I have just seen, is able to acquaint me that you were pretty well again, and that you had not been very ill, which most agreeable news I shall soon send my Mother Pepperrell, Andrew & Bettsy, who will be greatly revived by it. You have enclosed a letter from my Mother Pepperrell, by which you'l see how much she mourns yor absence. I pray God that the troops may

soon arrive to your releif, and that your life & health may long be preserved.

I understand Capt Huske was very handsomely received by the Dukes of Richmond, Bedford, Genl Hill & several other gen^{n} of rank at the Duke of Richmond's seat, that very handsome lodgings had long before been taken up by General Huske for his brother; so its supposed Capt Huske will make it very well worth his while that he is gone home. If you have an opp^{o} to write to England, or will send me a letter, with two copys of it, to your friend Huske, I beleive it would be of service to you. You may, I beleive, depend on this that the aforementioned company resented pretty much that your power should be disputed at Ca—— Br——n, after ye surrender of the place, by a certain sea officer, and that your health was frequently drank by them with high marks of their esteem for you; that I say Huske might do you some service, thô were I in your place I would ask no favour of him in the letter, but write him in a friendly manner, &c. I have also once more to advise you to write Mr Bollum, who its thought is a very honest man, will have an exceeding good acquaintance in England, and have it very much in his power to serve you. If he is pursuing any thing for himself or friends, it may not be at all inconsistent for him to say many things that would greatly serve your interest, and I would certainly, were it my case, when I wrote him, complim^{t} him with £100 sterling, and the rather would I recomend this to you, for that I am credibly informed the government of Connecticutt have come to a determination to send home a representation of the part they had in the expedition, and its reported that the reason of this was Mr Woolcott's coming from Cape Breton very much displeased with some part of your conduct, namely, that when you wrote to England, giving an account of the reduction of the place that you refused to let him see your dispatches, and when he demanded it in form you still denyed him,

though you took (much) inferiour officers into the cabinet. This, I say, 'tis said, has greatly disgusted him, and wch I have thought it my duty to advise you of for your government. There is some ships that will soon go to England by which I shall write Mr Kilby concerning your victualling your regiment. But if, as I hear, the officers of your regiment are to be appointed at home, they must send men with them, for I beleive it will be impossible unless the Governour & you have New England officers in your regiments ever to fill them up here. I should be glad of your sentiments on this head, & in any matter wherein I can serve you I shall be exceeding glad of your comands. I am now at the 10th of December, and am heartily glad (& I hope thankfull) of your recovery, which I had the sattisfaction of hearing by his Excellency & many others at the same time. I am exceedingly concerned that you must be confined all winter at Luisbourg. I am in great doubt whether 'twill be worth yor while to take a regiment. Surely if you will by that means be oblidged to obey every call to go into the feild, you had infinitely better be without, for what comfort can you or yor family have while at such a distance from each other? On the other hand, as you are certainly intitled to a very great reward, besides the honour done you, which wont maintain a man, but rather add greatly to his expences, I would employ some good man abroad to sollicit a post for me that should allow of my living at home, which may certainly be had; and the sooner its sought after the better. I am very much concerned that I have not a line from you in Capt Tyng. I have wrote Mr Kilby largely, and desired him to keep a good look out that you are duly noticed at home, & that nothing is omitted that will be for your advantage. My fear is that you'l not have your due credit, unless some body is employed to acquaint the Ministry what circumstances you were in when you engaged in the expedition, how that it was confessed on all hands that

the expedition would not have gone on without you, at least not so early, when it would have miscarryed, which, and other matters of fact, should by no means be omitted, and for want thereof you'l deprive yourself of that which as properly & justly belongs to y^{o} as any part of your estate, and the benefit you ought to reap will be carryed away by some others, w^{ch}, I say, Sir, I never would suffer or allow of. Please to inform me in your next what terms you are in with Brigadier Wa—do. He writes me by Tyng a very kind letter, & professes a great regard for you. He also informs me, which you'l keep a secrett as coming from me, that his Excellency has recomended him strongly for Govr of the place, & that Adm^{l} W——n has declined it, & also that the Governour has recomended him for a regiment on the sterling establishm^{t}. On all wch please to let me have your sentiments fully. Will you give me leave, Sir, to say, you doubtless, in order to appear in character as a Baronett, must have a chariot & four horses and a powdered servant or two behind it whenever you travail, & that its generally supposed you have wrote for it, or will very suddenly, and moreover shall I be so free as to ask you whether you will not send to England for a suit of regimentalls, or give orders for them to be provided here against your arrivall? There will be a great procession, should it please God you safe arrive here, & you would choose, I doubt not, to dress at such a time as a General. Its thought by most here that the officers appointed at home for the Governour's & yor regim^{t} will not come, but that you'l fill them up yo^{r}selfes. Mr Kilby is endeavouring for this, I hear, in form. His Excellency speaks very handsomely of you, but this wont, I hope, prevent your seeking those things wch belong to you, wch he cant take amiss. Please to inform me whether you committed any thing to Mr Bollum in concert with his Ex——y, & what the same was, & how I shall conduct as to writing that gen^{n}, &c. You have doubtless heard of

the death of Coll° Wheelwright,* Judge of Probates for our county, wch I mention, that if you are desirous of any particular person's supplying that place that you may write the Govr, who would doubtless esteem of yor recomendation. In case you are confined at Cape Breton (wch God forbid) all winter, I hope you'l be able to be up before May for many reasons, besides y^r^ lady & your children's wanting and earnestly desiring of it. One I would just hint at is that some designing persons are, I beleive, making even as early as this not only an interest to drop you from the Co——ll, but to remove me from the H——e, but without any success at present, I beleive, that will avail them. However, I have thought it best to give you this hint. I am sorry to hear the poltrey sent y° by my Mother Pepperrell & myself were lost out of Branscom's & another vessell from N. Hampshire, especially as I cant yet get room for resupplying of you in any vessells now going, wch I think to be a very poor case, to say no worse. If I can hire a vessell of 50 tons or more I will do it, & then send you the 20 hh^ds^ rum, some cattle, fowles, &c., and if I can't hire a vessell I will use my utmost endeavours to send ye same by some of the transports, as there will be some employed, I beleive, the greatest part of the winter, 4 or 5 are already taken up, or ordered to be, on purpose for the necessity of those at Cape Breton who are sick.

I shall endeavour herewith to send you copy of the Govr's^ speech at the opening of the session, & I beleive you'l soon have a letter of thanks & congratulation from the House. Better late y^n^ never. I must after all I have wrote say that I am very sorry that there is not one suitable person, among all you & I have wrote to, to sollicit any benefits for you. Several are very equal to the con-

* John Wheelwright died in the latter part of 1745, and was succeeded by Jeremiah Moulton, whose commission was dated Dec. 20, 1745. See Whitmore's Mass. Civil List, p. 111. — Eds.

cern & understand the affair well; but y^n^ these very persons are such as his Ex——y has ye greatest influence with, so in fact if he is solliciting any posts by these people for himself or friends, I apprehend they will first serve him. Now its highly probable that his Ex——y is not employing his interest for you; then it follows that the same persons are not such as you ought to depend upon; wherefore it must behove you to have some person, with whom the Go——r has no concern, to manage for you; who to recomend to you I am something at a loss. But I think it should be my friends Messrs Peter & James Cleop^s^ Simond, who your late friend Govr B——r knows very well. They have deservedly the character of eminēt merchants & men of great fidelity, of fine circumstances & have a good interest at court; and if they would serve you I beleive you could not have better under the present circumstances of things. I dont mean by this that you should not do something for Mr Bollum; but I beleive 50£ sterling might be en^o^; nor to drop Mr Kilby, for with them I w^d^ certainly have a good understanding, but the person I would committ my secretts to, and depend most upon, should be such as would proceed without any notice of them, and there should be a handsome remitance made this particular friend you want to pursue matters for you, & upon your orders I would manage the affair for you in the best manner I am capable. But no time should be lost. If there is a Govern^r^ appointed for Cape Breton, & Commodore W——n has declined it, nothing will hinder you from it, but the interest his Ex——y might make against you, or for another; & most people think you might have leave to tarry in New England. To render it certain you might ask for it on these terms. This & a regiment on the English establishm^t^ would be a fine thing. I know of no posts else, unless the Surveyor of the Woods or of the Customs were asked for, either of wch might be obtained, I am confident, and many others, if they were

faithfully asked for you; and I verily beleive were you in England that the interest of no person in New England could hinder you from any of the posts I have mentioned, or, indeed, if a person wholly in yor interest would exert himself. But there is danger for want of this that they will attribute to some great men in N. England what is really & truly yours. I hope all I have said now will be sufficient to let you into my present apprehension of things. But I hope you have taken the necessary precautions long since. I have put aboard Capt Hunter, the bearer, a box cont^{a} one dozen pound of chocolate, and shall send you some cheese & coffee by the same opp^{o}, if I can get it aboard, and continue sending you all winter as there is opp^{o} one thing or other, which I hope will be agreeable, and which I fear you'l want. I beg nothing I have said of Brigadier Waldo may be known, but that you'l conceal it in yor own breast till we can see one another. I may very likely write you again by this opp^{o}. At present let me assure you I have all ye concern & affection for you that a son ought to have for one of the best of fathers, and that I wish you every happiness that you can wish yourself, being with the most profound regard, Hon^{d} Sir,

Y^{r} ob^{t} son & devoted humble serv^{t}.

N. Sparhawk.

P. S. Mr Apthorp informs me that you have been so good as to settle it with the Admiral that my partner & I are to supply the garrison in comp^{a} with Mr Apthorp with such stores as may from time to time be demanded, for wch I return you hearty thanks. I am very sorry I have not any advise from you. I should be glad of your most early advice on this head, & on any other wherein I can make any advantage at Luisbourg, & I hope before you are in a different scituation that you'l get the word of the Admiral not to make any alteration after you come away. I should be very glad if you would inform me whether

Brigadier Waldo had any part in getting this busyness for us (under the rose) and please to give all the needfull direction in the affair of supplying the garrison.

Y^r ob^t son & sv^t.

N. SPARHAWK.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

JACOB WENDELL TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honourable Sr William Pepperell, Knight and Barroknight. att Levisburgh.

Sr WILLIAM PEPPERELL.

BOSTON, December 6th, 1745.

HONOURABLE & DEAR S^R^, — I received your favour of the 15th October at my return from Albany, and am alwayes glad to hear from you and of your prosperity on all acco^tts^. I heartyly congratulate you on the honnours conferred on you by his Majesty. Itt was what I expected & think you justly deserved for the great service done to the Crowne of England in the reduction of Levisburgh and I hope I can truely say itt was more pleasing to me because I had so great a hand in pswading you to accept the commission and undertake the expedition which God has so prospered. I had the first news of Capt Rouse's return from England on the rhode on my return from Albany, and I think att Coll^o^ Chandler's, where I dyned and wee drank your Honnour's health, as I doe dayly, and heartyly wish itt, & that you may in God's time return in safety to your famely and friends again, among the last of these you must allow me to reckon myself. I am verry much oblidged to you for your civillitys to Mr Livingston. He returned safe to New York. I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing my good and worthy friend Brigadeer Dwight. On my return from Albany wee came through Connecticutt, and so did not goe near Brookfield. But as our Court is

prorogued to next Wednesday, and then to sitt, I hope he will be downe next week, that I may have the pleasure of drinking yor health with him and honnest John Chandler & other your good friends att my house. You will have heard of the destruction of a place called Sarrightoga near Albany, where all the inhabitants were killed or taken prisoners & all the houses, &c^a^, burnt to ashes & all the kattle killed. My brother Phillip Schuyler was slain and butchered in a barberous manner in his bed before he could gett up, and seaven of his negros, for they came upon them about 12 clock att night, when they were all asleep in their beds, and did not think of any danger because they had out skouts of English & Indians between them and Crowne Point, which the French and Indians had all taken prisoners the night before they attacked Sarrightoga.* I hope wee shall have an expedition next year against Crowne Point and Canady too, that will be scourges to us untill reduced to his Majesty's obedience, wch I pray God may be the verry next year.

My famely is pretty well now; my spouse has been much indisposed of late. I found her sick when I came home from Albany, but through God's goodness is much better again. My daughter Molly is to be marryed next week to your kinsman, Mr Sewall, the Doctor's sonn.* I mention this to you, as I know you wish me and mine well, as I sincerely do you and yours, and often inquire after them. I am much pleased with the choice of Doct^r^ Colman made of your sister. The oftner I see her the more I like her, as the most suitable psonn for the Doct^r^ that he could have found in the two provinces; and I tell him she will prolong his usefull life. He has nott only pleased me, but all his best friends. Our Generall Court

* Mary Wendell, daughter of Jacob Wendell, born Jan. 14, 1724, married Samuel Sewall, son of Rev. Dr. Joseph Sewall, and died Jan. 21, 1746. See Bridgman's King's Chapel Inscriptions, p. 237. — Eds.

sitts next week, when I hope the first thing they do will be to provide for the protection of our fronteers, to effect which both East and West I will do all in my power, and please to give my service to Mr Waldo, and assure him hereof. By all the advice wee have from Albany, the French will have a great number of men this winter att Crowne Point to attack the fronteers of this and the neighbouring provinces if the season will but admit thereof, that wee must make provision for our defence. Wee have been some time looking out for our Governour's safe arrivall here, and wee heartyly wish itt may be safe and soon, as the season is so farr advanced. With mine & wife's best respects, I beg leave to remain, Honble & dear S^r^,

Your old friend and most obed^t^ humble servant.

JACOB WENDELL.

FRANCES SHIRLEY * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, Saterday, Dec^br^ ye 14th, 1745.

SIR, — Mr Shirley's time is so much taken up between ye House & a ship going to England on Monday y^t^ he has not time to write one letter to Louisbourg, & hopes you'l accept of a letter from me at ye time in his stead. He orders me to inform you y^t^ upon his meeting ye House they immediately appointed a committy to draw up a letter of congratulation & thanks to you, & they already see your services in a very different light, & I believe you may be asured y^t^ whatever cloud may have been between you & your honist countrymen it has been owing to other people whom Mr Shirley is determined to silence & controul. I am to inform you y^t^ ye susspitions

* First wife of Gov. Shirley. She was born in England, the daughter of Francis Barker, was a woman of more than usual ability, was fond of political intrigue, and did much to promote her husband's advancement. Governor Belcher, who disliked her bitterly, nicknamed her "Mrs. Gypsy." She died in September, 1746. See 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. vii. *passim*. — EDS.

of ill treatment to ye army from those of ye sea at home are very just, even beyond w^t^ you can immagin ; for they write Mr Shirley word y^t^ ye army have had cruel usage from ye sea people, & to give you a specimin of ye spirit of those gentlemen, here is a letter in town from a^n^ capt^n^ of a man of war wth you to a relation of his here, wch says y^t^ M^r^ S——y's coming to Louisbourg has done great hurt, for since he has been there there has been such a spirit of discontent & mutany among ye soldiers y^t^ they can keep up no disciplin, & much more to M^r^ S——y's discredit. You know, Sir, ye falshood of y^s^, for I think I have often heard you say y^t^ his coming was ye means of preventing these very things & had he not answer'd for ye advance of thire wages and being discharg'd in the spring and some other things wch nobody cou'd do but him, ye men cou'd never have been kept there. Thus, Sir, you see, y^t^ M^r^ S——y shares wth you in false aspertions wch I hope will make you ye more easey under y^m^, &, as he has already, & allways will take ye same care of your honour as of his own, he does not doubt but you'l have a letter or somthing drawn up & sign'd by ye prinsiple officers to confute y^s^ malisious report; y^s^ letter he has heard of within y^s^ halfe hour from a gentleman who saw ye letter & may be depended on. Now M^r^ S——y sees ye drift of ye r——ls writing ye L^ds^ of Admiralty word y^t^ he was fors'd to keep ye Vigilant y^s^ winter to keep ye soldiers from going away, wch is a most injurious reflection upon ye officers & whol army. Good Sr William, I do pitty you heartily for being oblig'd to live among such a sett of incencere people, but as you have gon thro so much out of love to your country I am perswaded ye knowledg of these things will endear you to y^m^, & I hope you'l keep up your spirits, & go thro ye remainder of ye time you must be there chearfully, wth a certanty y^t^ all these base contrivances will come to light, & y^t^ New England will have its due praise in spight of y^e^

great opposition wch is made to it, but I thought it right to let you know w^t^ sort of friends you are among y^t^ you may be upon your guard. I am to inform you y^t^ Captn Hayward has sattisfied M^r^ S——y about ye man that went away without leave, & y^t^ ye House are of oppinion to go on in ye same way of supply y^t^ they did before ye D. of Newcastle's letter came to you, & ye Admiral to draw bills; & now, Sir, I think it is time to give you some acc^t^ of your family. I saw Mr Sparhawk ye other day. He told me y^t^ Lady Pepperell is very well, as is your 4 children. I need not tell you they want much to see you, but he cou'd not help approving your steady adhearance to your honour & duty, & I doubt not your reward will be a happy meeting wth your family, wch I hope will be early in spring. I dare say it will be a pleasure to you to hear we are safely arriv'd. We had a very rough passage of ten days. Captn Tyng says he had not been in such weather these seven years; but I thank God we had ye finest landfall y^t^ cou'd be, & got in last Sunday about 4 a clock; ye day was so warm y^t^ we went upon deck to drink ye King's health after dinner, & in ye midest of sunshine & chearfull countinances we pas'd ye light house, wch pop'd 7 little guns at us, & we gave y^m^ 3 great ones in return. We lay at ye Castle y^t^ night; ye next day M^r^ S——y went to town by water & was rec'd wth all possible marks of joy & good will, but as women have nothing to do wth parrades I desired to go from ye Neck in ye coach. I thank God we all continue well, except your favourite, poor Judy, who increas'd her cold very much by being thrown out of bed at sea, for ye cradle broke from ye cabin & turn'd over at top of her & Mrs Winslow. I have been in great fears for Judy since I came home, but she is much better to-day & ye Doct^r^ don't fear her recovery. She has had very little fever, but a very bad cough, & so weak she can't walk cross ye room. I can think of no news, except y^t^ we

were yesterday at ye wedding dinner of Captn Osbourn & Mrs Hutchinson of ye North End. Doct^r^ Coleman & his lady are well, as is Mr Boston & his who I saw yesterday. I beg, Sir, you'l make my compliments wherever you think they are due, & y^t^ you will accept of those of ye whole family, & perticularly ye sincere esteem & friendship of, Sir,

Your most obliged humble servant.

F. SHIRLEY.

Saterday night.

P. S. M^r^ S——y bids me tell you y^t^ ye afternoon the Court have heard of ye letter above mention'd & resent it much, but he still thinks such a paper may not be amiss to sattisfy every body. My service to M^r^ & Mrs Green, I hope you will take good care of your health & lett nothing vex you, for depend upon it all things will be right at last. M^r^ S——y's & your commissions are not yet come, & there is little more to informe you of y^m^ y^n^ w^t^ you heard before we came away, but M^r^ S——y will write to you by ye next vessell. I write in so great a hurry y^t^ I fear you'l not be able to read y^s^, but if you can I will promise never to send you one wch you can't.

The following lines are from y^r^ st. W. Shirley.

SIR, — I have just read over Mrs Shirley's letter. I would not trouble you ab^t^ any vindication of me. I despise the calumny and the authors of it, and doubt not to turn the tables upon 'em. But it nearly concerns your own honour to assert by some general certificate of the officers y^t^ there is no necessity for the Vigilant to be kept in the harbour, to keep all the troops under your command (not the Admiral's) from desertion.

P. S. I will write to you & the Admiral by next vessell: in the mean time my service to him.

W. SHIRLEY.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO BENNING WENTWORTH.

BOSTON, January 1st, 1745.

SIR, — I had your Excellency's favour two posts ago, & am sorry to find you so far mistake the intent of my letter to the Duke of Newcastle as to think that the account I there give of the services of the New England forces does not extend equally to the New Hampshire & Connecticut regiments with those of the Massachusetts Bay. I think the New England land forces (wch if I mistake not is the term I make use of) plainly includes 'em & accordingly I end yt letter to this effect, viz., "I desire his Grace to lay the inclos'd journal of the proceedings of the land forces during the siege before his Majesty & hope his Majesty will be graciously pleas'd to accept 'em as an instance of the perfect duty & inviolable attachment wch I was perswaded the several colonies concern'd in the expedition bore to his Majesty's sacred person & government." And to convince you yt it is impossible but that the services of the land forces must be understood by the Ministry to be spoke of the several colonies together, without any distinction, I send you a copy of the journal itself to wch I referr in my letter, & wch is certify'd & sign'd by

W. Pepperell, Lieut General of the Forces, &c.
S. Waldo, a Brigadier of the same Forces.
—— More, Colonel of the New Hampshire Regiment, part of the same Forces.
——Lothrop, Lieut Colonel of the Connecticutt Regiment, &ca.
Richard Gridley, Lieut Colonel of the Train of Artillery.

So that you will perceive that this journal, wch is the joint account of the commanding officers of the three colonies, & settled by the agreement of 'em all, must be understood of the services of the New Hampshire regi-

ment, as well as of the Connecticutt & Massachusetts Bay (wch it would have been wrong in my opinion to have endeavour'd to distinguish between in any particular), & upon this journal is my letter founded, wch I expressly mention to be only an abstract of the journal & to be vouch'd by it.

As to the expression in my letter mentioning the *New England forces rais'd under my commission*, if that is what your Excellency's observation is founded upon, I do assure you it dropt casually from my pen, without the least thought of diminishing the services of any other gentleman within his government, much less yours, wch it will ever be a great pleasure to me to acknowledge in the utmost latitude & most advantageous manner in my letters to the Ministry or elsewhere; and this proceeded only from the expedition's being form'd under the command of Lieu^t^ General Pepperell, who was appointed commander in chief by my commission, & receiv'd as such by the other colonies that join'd in the expedition. And it don't, as I apprehend, carry the least appearance of my raising any forces out of my government, thô you know in reality some of 'em were, but indeed by your influence. And I do assure you, had it at the time of writing the letter occurr'd to me that there was the least shadow in it of implying anything more than the general commission setting the expedition first on foot & appointing the commander in chief of it, or y^t^ it could possibly be constru'd to imply that I had rais'd the New Hampshire regiment or Connecticutt forces or any part of 'em, I should have avoided it, & am sorry if it gives you any umbrage; & if you think it wants explaining, I will do it in any manner that shall be most acceptable to you in my next letter to the Duke of Newcastle. Capt Mason of Sir William Pepperell's regiment, I presume, acquainted you with the arrival of Sir W^m's^ commission for the command of one of the two American regiments, & some of his

officers & part of the cloathing; since wch my commission for the command of the elder of these two regim^ts^ is arriv'd here, with some of my officers & the remainder of the cloathing for both regim^ts^. Capt Mason, I suppose, now carries with him a letter from Lieu^t^ Colonel Ryan to you with instructions from him for raising levies for Sir W^m's^ regiment, with a copy of Sir W^m's^ beating order, within any of the colonies, from his Majesty; & as the raising of that regiment will be of very great importance to his Maj^ty's^ service for the defence & preservation of our new acquisition, I doubt not of the same concurrence of your good offices in assisting the recruiting officers & zeal for promoting the protection of Louisbourg wch you exerted within your government for promoting the reduction of it.

I am farther to ask your Excellency's permission for Lieutenant Auchmuty (whom I have order'd to wait upon you with a copy of his Majesty's beating order to me) to enlist men for my regiment within your government. He thinks, with the assistance of his uncle, the Judge's letters to MacMurphy and others of London Derry, he may if countenanc'd & favourd by your Excellency have success with the people there.

How much I shall stand in need of your assistance & friendship upon this occasion you will judge from the inclos'd list of officers of the two American regiments, whereby you will perceive how many commissions come fill'd up with officers from Europe to the great disappointment & chagrin of the American officers who serv'd upon the expedition, & may possibly, instead of promoting levies for the two American regiments, discourage 'em, as it seems very much in their power to do here & at Louisbourg. Another difficulty to Sir William Pepperell & myself upon this occasion is that the Ministry, upon representations made to 'em that the American soldiers now at Louisbourg were so fond of entring into his Majesty's

service as garrison soldiers that they wanted only to be regimented, have refus'd to allow the usual levy money for raising our two regiments & have only granted a muster & an half (three months' pay to begin from the 24th of September) wch is the whole fund each regiment has for raising the men, & comes to no more than two guineas ℔ man for bounty money & all incidental charges besides. Whereas I had the utmost difficulty at Louisbourg to keep the troops from breaking out into a mutinous behaviour on acct of their being to be detain'd in garrison during the winter only.

I have just now had news from New York of the arrival of one of the transport ships in the Hook from Gibraltar with 250 troops, & that the others had been spoke with at sea a few days before, & had appointed to rendezvous at New York; that Admiral Rowley had taken (I suppose they might mean bombarded) Genoa; yt part of the rebels were taken; & packet boats regularly establish'd between England & the West Indies; I have before heard of a provision vessell's being arriv'd at New York, & yt one of our twenty gun ships had taken a rich prize off Martinique. I wish you joy of all this news, & hope it may be a forerunner of advice that the Kingsale and ordnance storeship's (with Craig wch has 500 barrells of powder for this governmt on board her) being somewhere safe in port, & the rebellion's being intirely quell'd.

We have the affair of the fort at Crown Point at present under consideration, & I will let you know the result of it by the first opportunity. I am fully of opinion that the French of Canada will make a vigorous attempt upon the fort at Annapolis Royal this spring, in wch if they should succeed they would have an immediate addition of between 5 & 6000 fighting men from the inhabitants of Nova Scotia, all the Indians in these parts (abt 1200 at least) absolutely at their command, wch, with 3 or 4000 men from Canada, would in such case make a body of

10,000 men ready assembl'd in a provision country to join any force from old France, within three days' sail at most, for the recovery of Louisbourg. And if that should be thought impracticable, yet they would with such a force indemnifye themselves for the loss of Cape Breton by irresistably breaking up all our eastern settlements, & where they would stop is uncertain, especially as they are masters of the fort at Crown Point on the other side. Such an event as this is far from being impossible, & the last acc^{ts} from Annapolis in my opinion very much favour it. Pray God our frontiers may not be put to the trial of being so miserably harrass'd as they would in all probability be in such case. How much does it behove us to do our utmost to guard against it.

I am in some concern least the small pox should be propogated from New York among the American soldiers in Louisbourg. I will do everything I can to prevent it.

I should think that your assembly among other reasons should be induc'd to encourage inlistments into mine & Sir William's regiment, on acc^{t} of releiving the men belonging to your govern^{t} who are not inclined to remain in the service. I shou'd like to have my youngest son have the command of a company, but as that would exclude some gentleman who serv'd upon the expedition, I am determin'd not to give him one. I am with great esteem, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant.

W. SHIRLEY.

His Excellency Governour WENTWORTH.

ELLIS HUSKE* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

LONDON, January 2nd, 1745/6.

MAY IT PLEASE Y^R^ EXCELL^CY^, — Your favõr of the 4th of Octob^r^ last rec^d^; note the contents in a particular mañer. I was present at the D^ke^ Richm^d's^ when rec^d^ it, at Whitehall, present two of his Majest^s^ Privy Counc^l^, &c^a^, whome I din'd wth that day. After diñer the royal healths drank; yours next on the carpet, but not M^r^ W—r—n's, who, 'tis said, has stole great part of his honors from you in a great measure. Had we arriv'd 3 weeks soon'r affairs wouldn't have run such a length as they've done in his favõr. The same ins^t^ I cõmunicat'd your lr̃e to his Grace in private, wch he well approv'd off & said the King & Cou—el had been impos'd on relating to the Cape Brittoon expedic̃on from a certain great man, lately made so, in your parts. I fail'd not in one point setting forth the proceedings of it from the begiñing to the ending of it in its true colõrs & in all shapes to the satisfac̃on of those present (I dare say). I was so particular as to y^r^ carecter, I was ask'd whether I personally knew you. Upon my answer all my reports was out of doubt; the Duke responsible for my integrity. I've made use of all seasonable opportunities amongst courtiers & men of trade to convince them of the general importance to Old & New England Cape Brittoon is, without any colõr of a sinister veiw in any shape. I wish y^r^ agents that are well paid by the people would take half the pains; self interest is the idol too much adored in the present age.

As to politicks a little sketch; ẽre since my arrival both nations in continual convulsions, thrô the unnatural

* Ellis Huske was a younger brother of General John Huske, and was born in England in 1700. From 1733 till his death in 1755 he was one of the Council of New Hampshire. While holding this office he was Naval Officer at Portsmouth, Postmaster at Boston, and publisher of "The Boston Weekly Post-Boy." See 6 Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. vi. p. 3 *n.*; vol. vii. p. 114 *n.* A duplicate of this letter with numerous variations is also among the Pepperrell Papers in the Library of the Society. — EDS.

rebellion of the Scots (nonjuring villains at the head) all business except what relates to the Crown stagnated; 'tis daily expected a great embarquecaĉon from France of horse & foot, suppos'd either for the south part of England or Scotland, where the rebells are all drove, except 400 in the castle of Carlile, wch is daily expect'd will be surrender'd to the King's forces wch the Duke of Cumberland coñands. Duke Richmond & broth^r^ has joyned him wth the forces under their coñand. The latter I've not seen since my arrival. I've been confin'd this 6 weeks wth the gout, thô a gentel touch. General Cope & Wade both here, one if not both are under confinement in order to be try'd at a court martial. The voice of the people of all ranks are generally ag^t^ 'em on acc^t^ of there past conduct, by what I can learn from the secret of the cabinet, is not without essential reasons. 6,000 hussars are hourly expect'd in Scotland to joyn the King's forces. Upon the whole 'tis my opinion the rebells, & French has cut out a suñer's work for the nation. I purpose to come in the mast ship under convoy; 'tis s^d^ they'l sail the begiñing of March next if the nation is not great'r involv'd then expect'd. I sincerely congratulate you on y^r^ late attain'd dignities from his Majesty. Such good offices done by you for the benefit of others (wch is publick) soon'r or later will be reward'd wth success agreeable, wch is the unfeign'd & sincere wish of

Y^r^ Honor's most humb^l^ serv^t^ to coñand,

E^s^ Husk.

P. S. My compliments to y^r^ lady & fire side, &c^a^.

Sr W^M^ Pepperell, &c^a^, &c^a^.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

Boston, 11th Jan^y^, 1745.

Hon^D^ & dear Sir, — Herewith are two packetts wch I intended you long since, but by an accident befall^s^ the

vessell I have them now to forward. I suppose several things mentioned to you in them will now subside. You'l by this opp° doubtless have an acco^t from yor Lieu^t Coll° Ryan of his arrivall with a considerable number of officers, all wch I have showed all the civilitys in my power. I took a journy as farr as Cape Ann to wait on Coll° Ryan to town; have accomodated him with lodgings and assisted & served him as farr as lays in my power. He is a fine gen^n & will make you very happy, as he assures me he'll do every thing he can to ease you of the burthen of your office, as farr as may be in his power. He has let me into the secrett of your proffitts, which will not be less y^n £2000 sterling ℔ ann^m. There are some blanks (commissions) in your regiment, and likewise in Govr Shirley's; but I can't yet say the number. I think there is a captain only to supply in each regiment. I understand you have the appointment of 12 lieu^ts and 5 or 6 ensigns, and I beleive there is the same number in the Govern^r's regiment. As these men of your appointing will, I suppose, be the principalls in recruiting and raising your regiment, I would humbly propose your not making any promises 'till you see who can get you the most soldiers. This you know, Sir, is a matter of the greatest consequence to the governm^t, as well as yourself. Capt Goldthwait tells me he has a comp^a now in town ready, wch he can bring you into your regim^t immediately, and I hear Capt Grant of Salem has another. But this I am not so certain of. Many others are raising men, so it would, I presume, be much the safest way for you to keep your commissions in your own power 'till you see who will bring you the most men. Coll° Ryan has your commission wch and the others I have advised him not to risque at sea; so he'll keep them for your order. There is also the cloathing for ye two regiments come over not made up, wch Govr Shirley and Coll° Ryan has desired Mr Colman & I to take care

of. And we are receiv^{g} them into our store. What method they'l take to have them made up I know not, but the getting them made up is an affair wch we could go through as cheap to you as in ye way that Coll^{o} Ryan proposes, which is to publish the thing, and so give them to the person that offerrs cheapest, but there may be a risque in this. If we had the managem^{t} we could have them done by the principall tailors in town as cheap as in this way, & recover our debts by it, or at least save the money in our own hands. This is a thing that is intirely in your power, and if you would give your directions to Coll^{o} Ryan, it may serve me and not hurt yourself. This, Sir, I should acknowledge a favour, & not be wanting in my gratitude for it. Give me leave, Sir, just to mention to you Mr Lyde, who has rec^{d} no letter from you. Govr Shirley has promised him to write you that he may be served between him & you, if he can't serve him alone. He is an object of your favour & charity, a nephew of Judge Sewall's & my sister's only bro^{r}; is raising men at Conn^{t} in hopes he may be favoured with a lieutenancy in case he succeeds. If it will suit you to preferr him to the post you'll oblige a great many of yor true & sincere friends. I beleive my bro^{r} Sparhawk will be very glad to be the chaplain of your regiment, that I would humbly pray you to give him the preferences, but let it be a secrett at pres^{t}. Coll^{o} Ryan has seen him & is mightily pleased with him and promises always to patronise him in yor absence. Its a great mortification to me (and I can't help thinking my letters have miscarry'd) that I have not received a line from you since ye 28th October, and I am not without apprehension that some base person has intercepted my letters, especially as I find Mr Apthorp has advise from Admiral Warren that you have been pleased to provide for me the one half of the supplying the garrison at Luisbourg, and since Brigadier Waldo writes me the same. So I

say, Sir, its very surprising that I have not any advise from you. Give me leave, Sir, with the highest sense of your paternal goodness to give you my hearty thankes for this fresh instance of your care of me and kindness to me; it shall allways be my care as farr as possible to merit yor esteem & to show my gratitude. Let me beg leave to pray you will ℘ first vessell send me a copy of all the orders that have already been sent up to Mr Apthorp, wherein I have been concerned, & whenever there is orders sent again that you will please to let me have a copy of all such orders sent to me or partner under our cover particularly, that so we may not be oblidged to Mr Apthorp for all the advices we may have; and now I am begging, please to let me ask you upon the arrivall of Coll^{o} Fuller & Coll^{o} Wallburton, one of wch gen^{n} came out in the fleet with Coll^{o} Ryan, & the rest with the Gibraltar regiments may be daily expected, to engage them to apply to our house for their supplys, and to recomend their officers & the captains especially to let us supply them. If it is agreable to you to do this for me, wch I flatter myself it will, let me beg you'l take the 1° opp^{o} you have after their arrivall, otherwise the Admiral or some other may secure them for Mr Apthorp or some other friend. You doubtless know, Sir, that though Mr Kilby is your agent at present, or paymaster, every Coll^{o} has ye choice of this officer; so I would not, were it my case, confirm him 'till you see what he does for you. Its better to keep him in expectation at present, and as many others as you can, that may have a dependance upon you. I have put aboard for you in several vessells some chocolate, coffee, loaf sugar, 10 hhds rum, &c., of wch I shall give you a particular acco^{t} ℘ s^{d} vessells, also of w^{t} I have received as yor $\frac{1}{8}$th of the prises. Y^{o} have herewith an acco^{t} of the vessells condemned here, wch I think will let you know whether you have not a claim to more y^{n} is given you. I have a

very late letter from my Mother Pepperell & Betsy & And^{w}, who are all well & send their best regards. Yo^{r} little grandson is also very well. Please to accept his duty. I can only add at present that I long for yor safe return, rejoice in yor health & earnestly pray the continuance of it, being with all possible respect, Hon^{d} & dear Sir,

Your ob^{t} son & most devoted sv^{t}.

N. SPARHAWK.

My Mo^{r} Waldo, Bro^{r} Sparhawk, sister, &c., send their duty.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

The Honble Sir William Pepperrell, Baronet, att Luisbourg.

BOSTON, Jany 14th, 1745.

HON^{D} & DEAR SIR, — I have wrote you at large already by Capt Malcom, and the bearer hereof, Capt Stimson. I am now at the request of one of yor captains to enclose you a letter, I know the contents. However, I would only say that if you don't give him what he asks, which I think I can be sure you will not, you may dispose of the post for 1500£ st^{g} at least, & I know not but 2000£ sterling. This hint will be sufficient, I hope, to prevent your suddenly parting with anything, which you may be sure it will be greatly to your advantage to do, or to act any further y^{n} is absolutely necessary 'till you have all the information relating to your regiment. Coll^{o} Ryan now writes y^{o}, and he will inform you that he has desired Mr Colman & myself to assist, or rather to make the best bargain for you we can with the tailors, and you may depend we shall in this regard save you all we possibly can, & have them done quite cheap for you, which we hope

will gain us your approbation. Your family and mine were well three days since, and I most sincerely wish that this may find you in good health, wch may God long preserve.

I have been thinking to ask Judge Sewall & Doct^r^ Chauncy for their opinion of a motto for your arms; but choose to have your leave first. If I can ease you of any trouble by writing Mr Kilby, or any other way, be pleased to lay your comands on me, which shall be executed with ye greatest exactness & infinite sattisfaction. As to Richardson's prise I can obtain nothing from it for you, as the Judge would not hearken to our claim made on yor behalf. She is, contrary to the expectation of every one, deemed a privateer instead of a King's ship, I mean Donahew or Richardson's sloop, wherefore Richardson has appealed home, & I would likewise have appealed on yor behalf, but my councell advised not, but recomend to your having a power lodged with some suitable person at home to claim your $\frac{1}{8}$ when the tryall comes on, which will be little or no expence to you. But your appealing would cost a great deal of mony. If you'l please to furnish me with a power for any friend in England, and send duplicates of them, their should be three, least a miscarriage should happen, I will do you every service in my power. I shall do myself the honour of writing you by the Boston packet, Capt Hunter, who sails in 2 or 3 days. In the interim I beg leave to assure you that I am, with all possible regard, as I am under the most indispensable obligations ever to be, Hon^d^ Sir,

Yo^r^ most ob^t^ son & ser^t^.

N. SPARHAWK.

This letter I have been obliged to open to put in another.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, 17th Jany., 1745.

HONᴰ & DEAR SIR, — I have put on board Capᵗ Malcom a large packett for you, and by Capᵗ Stinson you have two smaller ditto, in wᶜʰ have wrote you fully. This waits on you by your late chyrurgeon, who has promised me to take particular care of my letters. I have now to acknowledge your kind and much esteemed letter of the 18th ᵛᵗ the snow wᶜʰ carryed down the Vigilant's masts. I observe by that you had a few days before wrote me largely. I wish you had wrote me to whom you delivered the letter, as I have never received it, and fear I shall not. I am under inexpressible obligations to you for procuring the pretty & advantageous commission for me joyntly with Mʳ Apthorp, which you advise me of. I have met Mʳ Apthorp, and he is very handsome and assures me he will make every thing easy & agreeable to me as farr as he can, and we shall not be wanting on our part to treat him in like manner, & we are likely to negotiate matters to each other's sattisfaction, and we hope to the Admiral's and yoʳˢ. We write that genⁿ and you now joyntly, and I shall address the Admiral myself, and hope he will be so good as to continue me in the affair with Mʳ Apthorp after you leave Louisbourg, which I must beg you'l endeavour for. At present you have doubtless an equal right with him to appoint the like number of persons that he has, and I am very glad its in no more hands. Mʳ Colman joyns with me in suitable respects to you on this occasion. I am yet more oblidged to you that you after this are thinking of further methods for my service. No doubt many things may occurr before you come away that will favour such a generous and kind intention. At present I can only think of your obtaining a promise from the Admiral to continue a joynt application to Mʳ Apthorp & myself after you come away, for the services of the

garrison, & I wish I could flatter myself he would do ye same in regard to what he may want for ye ships under his comand now or y^t^ may be hereafter. Another thing wch I mentioned in some of my last is that I should be very glad you could engage Coll^o^ Walburton & his principall officers as low as ye lieutenants, and Coll^o^ Fuller's likewise that are coming from Gibraltar, to make their applications to Mr Colman & myself for ye supplys they'l want. This would be a lasting thing perhaps; but one wherein I should always have a benefit during your life, and if you should outlive me it might fall to your grandson, and would tend to make him a pretty fortune, is a captain's commission in your regiment. This has been very strongly recommended to me by many of yor friends in the General Court to apply to you for, and many others, and I would rather y^u^ not have it quit all my recomendations of any of my friends mentioned to you in my last, if you could not serve them & me to, & in a perfectly agreeable manner to yourself. I am sure you could always find good reasons to keep me here as a recruiting officer, wch there would be an advantage in; but the income of a captain without this would support my family in a very genteel manner, and all the proffitts of my trade, in wch I can be as considerable when I have this post as if I had it not, may be laid by in purchased good real estate, or otherways as may be most likely to enable me to sett my children (of wch I may expect a number in case my life & yor dear daughter's is preserved) out in the world in a manner becoming the rank & dignity of their hon^d^ grandparents. I objected this to our friends that have advised me to ask this favour of you that it would make a noise if some person had it not who was in the expedition; but its replyed that there is a great number of these that will think they have an equal claim to it, and you can give it to but one, and by obliging him, you may disoblidge almost hundreds. They add likewise, it was given you to dispose

of for your own advantage, and if you don't sell it, you have an absolute right to dispose of it this way that I desire; I hope I shall not discover an unsatiable inclination and thirst after the world, or show any want of modesty in the favour I now ask of you, and that you'l please to gratify me when you find how strong my inclinations are to it, wch I know I can never requite you for, unless a respectfull carriage & due obedience added to a sober behaviour & a reputable character, wch I shall always aim at & endeavour after, will compensate you. I earnestly wish that as you expect your return may be before spring; should it not, which I cant bear to think of, I shall not fail to come to Luisbourg to pay my filial regards to you.

The mony you order for Mr Bollam & Mr Kilby shall be sent them the 1^{e} ships ℔ good bills. There is some dispute among the agents for some of the prises which has prevented my finishing with them on yor behalf. At present I have rec^{d} only £853.14.9, Old Ten^{r}, of Mr Wendall and £300 more, Old Ten^{r}, of Mr Fletcher. But in a few days I hope the whole will be adjusted, when shall transmit you a particular acco^{t}. I expect the Committee of War will pay me now soon the hire of yor schooner. George's wages Barter received, & I believe my bro^{r} Andrew has it. As to Richardson's prise I could get nothing assigned you by Judge Auchmuty, and as the concerned differr among themselves, and Capt Richardson has appealed home against the owners, &c., the councell I employed for you advises that you send a power to some friend in England, when they are determining the matter to ask for an assignation of yor part. An appeal would cost you a great deal of mony; but in this way, which may be as effectual, it will cost scarce any thing. The person I would advise to for yor attorny is Mr Bollam; three of one ten^{r} & date should be sent at least. I shall attend yor orders on this head.

I am very glad to find you not laying any thing to

heart yor enemys may say of you. They are but few and spitefull, but cant hurt you. You have a vast number of friends, and in short all good men hold you in the greatest estimation. My Mother Pepperell, Bro^{r}, Betsy & Natty were a few days since very well. Coll^{o} Ryan will be greatly oblidged for yor care for his good accommodation of a house & land at Luisbourg. I beleive it will be much for yor interest to keep up a good understanding with him wch may easily be done. I would not by any means advise you to make any body your regiment's paymaster till you return to New England, nor would I advise you to dispose of any of your blank commiss^{ns} till you come up, if you can possibly help it, wch I suppose you may. A young man arrived to-day, a lieu^{t} in one of the regiments, gave 300 g^{s} for his commission to a bro^{r} officer. I forgot to mention to you that I am creditably informed Govr Shirley will dispose of his blank commission for a cap^{t} to one that was not on ye expedition; surely you may, Sir, as well as he. You'l doubtless inlist what men you can for yor regim^{t} at Cape Breton; some of them may incline to tarry. Major Mercer, in your regiment, arrived to-day in a transport for Annapolis, with 200 soldiers for y^{t} garrison. I have just now thought of another thing whereby you may possibly serve my house. Govr Shirley can do a great deal for a merchant here, and should he in time past have asked any thing of you, you may in return ask something now of him. I beleive your recomendation to him of Mr Colman & myself would be of great service to us. Mr Bastide has done great service for Mr Apthorp and Mr Hancock by letting them supply the garrison at Annapolis. Perhaps if you was to speak to him, you might engage him to do something for us, and when the engineers for Cape Breton arrive, their recommendation of us and yo$^{r's}$ to the Board of Ordnance might gain us the supply of the place, and in the mean time their own orders upon us might be sufficient. You'l

easily know, Sir, who can serve us, & as you are so good as to give us leave to be free with you, and have even desired me to point out such ways to you as have occurred to me, I have taken the present liberty to mention the aforegoing, wch are what I can think of at present. Should anything else appear to you, I shall rely on yor kind assurances of a concern for my prosperity. I pray God to preserve your precious life, & to return you safely & speedily to yor country & family. I am with inexpressible regard, Hon^d^ & d^r^ Sir,

Y^r^ ob^t^ son & servant.

N. SPARHAWK.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM SHIRREFF* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

ANNAPOLIS ROY^LL^, Jan^ry^ 17th, 1745/6.

SIR, — I have frequently thought from the freedoms you have allow'd me that I ought to have been one of the first to have saluted you with my congratulations upon your great success and much merited honours, but being willing to give place to my superiors, I do now, thô perhaps one of the last, venture to say that I as heartily rejoyce as any of them who went before me, or even those who may follow; and as laurels you have purchased through a principle of almost unparalleled virtue, long may you live to enjoy them, and that you may return in triumph, loaded with the trophyes of honour to your desired home in safety to the further possession of the esteem of your country, & all other happiness, both in mind & body, is my sincere & hearty wish, which I likewise hope will be the fate of all your brave coajutors. Blessed be God, who hath got himself the victory, & made you such a conspicuous instrument therein!

As you have heard me when with you in Boston talk

* For many years a member of the Council of Nova Scotia, and at one time Secretary. — EDS.

of Nova Scotia, I think I may still presume to say, it's not a whit better than I then represented it; for what is the strength of other provinces, the number of inhabitants, demonstrably adds to the weakness of this, and will do more and more as they increase, and at last if some means be not taken become as unprofitable, if not more, than a colony of rattlesnakes. And I can now call them no better, as they harbour, support and hold correspondence with the known enemy, for which they jesuitically plead a force major; but their force and number being much superior to that of the enemy their inclination of joining them is so much the more apparent. And its very probable had these their provoking actions mett with a suitable return, they would have assisted them in a more hostile manner with their arms, and pleaded self-defence to vindicate their so doing. This pretence they really seem to me to have only wanted; for their answer to Duvivier, when he was pressing them to revolt, being to this effect, as they themselves sett forth, "that as the English had not as yet given them the least provocation to carry arms against them, they would therefore so far observe the oath they had taken till they saw the white flagg flying in the fort," thô some of them did otherwise; from thence it appearing they only wanted some slight provocation to favour their natural inclinations. I am therefore of opinion, and from what I have also observ'd, thô I may differ from others, that our Governor's prudent and seemingly mild goverment of these people, by some perhaps call'd by another name, has hitherto kept them from takeing arms, wisely judging it not a time, for want of proper force, to punish but only to remark delinquents, amongst whom in my humble opinion there are but few, if any, to be excepted, and they to be impartially examin'd and called to account for their actions, which they too well know this government can't possibly do, for want of the means aforesaid. However, I have some reason to beleive from what the

Govr has frequently told them, there own petitions, &c^{a}, that they are afraid of your Province, and being thus conscious of their own deserts, I am apt to think that from hearing a flying report of a party of five hundred men to be detach'd from Louisbourg to Mines this winter that (if there be any truth of a number of Canadians being in this country, as it's said there is) they have come at the desire of the inhabitants to protect and defend them in the possession of their estates, or that, as we have had a report here of a grand expedition form'd by the British provinces on the continent against Canada, that they may have been sent here on purpose to divert that project, & to bring these forces rather hither for the defence of this. This at best is all conjecture, as we can have no certain intelligence of their design. However, it is said that the preists have orders from Quebeck to give their decimes towards the support of said Indians, by which you may partly see the miserable state of this province, which I am afraid will ever be so while there is a majority at least of Frenchmen in it. It has also been reported that these Indians are in expectation of meeting with Duvivie and further succours, if not this winter, early in the spring, it being suggested or insinuated that he is either at St. Johns island, Gaspy, or in some harbour upon our eastern coast, and that amunition & warlike stores may be easily landed at Chiconecto, as Deloutre did this last fall the presents for the Indians. It's wish'd there was a good garrison there to stop that communication.

Having thus communicated to you the cheif of our news, conjectures & reports and my own opinion of the inhabitants, I hope your goodness will excuse my freedom, being in great truth & sincerity, and that with all deference & respect, Honourable Sir,

Your Honour's most obed^{t} & most humble devoted servant.

W^{M} SHIRREFF.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERILL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL AND PETER WARREN TO THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

My Lord Duke, — In my letters of ye 23rd of Novr to your Grace and the Admiralty (triplicates whereof I sent, which I make no doubt have been received) I informed you and their Lordships of the particular state of this garrison to that time; and among other difficulties which we laboured under mention'd that of the sickness with which we were visited, especially the American forces, considerable numbers of whom it carried off before Govr Shirley's departure from hence, the 27th of Nov^r^, since wch the weather has been so severe that we have had no account of his arrival at Boston, nor is it probable we shall have any vessell from thence till the beginning of March. Mr Pepperrell and myself (who now write you this joint letter) have exerted ourselves to the utmost of our power in providing in the best manner for the security of the garrison, the support of the sick, and comfortable subsistence of the troops in general, but notwithstanding all our endeavours we have the mortification to find ourselves very much distressed for want of firewood and necessary refreshments for the sick, wch together with the shatter'd condition of the houses & barracks, notwithstanding the repairs that have been made, doubt'less contributes much to the continuance of the sickness among us (we being well assured that this is naturally a healthy place). We flatter'd ourselves, indeed, that it would abate upon the approach of the cold weather, but to our very great concern we find that it rages more and more, insomuch that out of the number of 2470 alive at the time of Mr Shirley's departure we have buried near 500 men, and have near 1100 sick. This being our unhappy scituation, and having before our eyes the prospect of its growing worse before succours can be sent to us, or the troops or store vessells from Europe can arrive, we think

There are many repairs yet to be made; and a powder magazine with casemates, bomb proof for the troops off of duty to rest in when besieged, are much wanted, besides several parts of the fortification not finished as the French intended, and as they are esteem'd good engineers, we think we can't do better than pursue their plan when his Majesty shall be pleasd to give directions for that purpose.

And now we beg leave again to mention those points that we have already recommended to your Grace, such as a civil government, a free port for all his Majesty's subjects, a toleration to all Protestants, &c., as it will, we are persuaded, most effectually tend to make this acquisition answer the great expence it must unavoidably put the government to for some years to come. If the American and West India trade are to make up here for convoy home it would be proper to have a good careening place for his Majesty's ships and an hospital; and might it not during the war with France be a great security to our East India trade when they happen to be disappointed of the convoys intended them from England, or when sufficient ones cannot be spared, or upon losing comp^{a} if they should whilst the season will permit (which it will from March to the middle of October) make this their rendevous, and that ye benefit of the convoy proposed in our former letters to go home twice a year from hence with all the trade of ye colonies as above.

We have not had a syllable of news from England by any conveyance whatever since ye arrival of Capt Rous in the Shirley frigate till about a week ago, when we had the disagreable account that the ship Rousby, Capt Jo^{a} Lock, was cast away the 27th day of December ab^{t} 2 leagues from hence, and that every person (24 in number) perished, except three of the seamen, who are so much frozen and out of order that all we can learn of them is that they saild from England with several other ships,

some for this place, under convoy of the Kingsale, and lost comp[a] near the banks of Newfoundland three weeks before this disaster befell them. We can't learn what quality or quantity of stores this ship, which is beat all to pieces, is laden with, nor what the consequence of this accident may be to this garrison; therefore think it proper to be thus particular in our account of it, that the Admiralty and Navy Board may be able to act as they (who best know how it affects us) shall think most adviseable. If this vessel's cargo consisted of provisions only the loss to the government will be greater than the disappointment to us. The people who were saved tell us that among the drown'd are a surgeon for this place and one Maj[r] Bradstreet, brother to M[r] Pepperrell's Lieutenant Colonel. Where the Kingsale with the rest of the convoy are is very uncertain, but we can have no hopes of their arrival here, or the troops, till March or Aprill, and as they will probably come seperately upon this coast, 'tis to be feared if the enemy should send a force superiour to ours earlier than the squadron that we may expect, many if not all the succours coming to us may fall into their hands, and how fatal such an event must be is too obvious.

As there are many hollows and coverts near this city to favour the approach of an enemy in case of a siege, we apprehend the following number of brass mortars and royals will be of great advantage and use to dislodge them, viz[t], 24 seven inch mortars, 24 royalls, with all the appurtenances compleat. We hope your Grace will pardon the liberty we take in recommending every thing that we apprehend will promote the good settlement and security of an acquisition that we think in its consequences, if properly managed, will make ample amends to our country for all the expence that it can bring upon her, in the promoting of w[ch] we shall continue to unite our best endeavours with the same good agreement w[ch] has

hitherto subsisted between us. We are wth all dutiful regards, my Lord Duke,

Y^r^ Grace's most obed^t^ & most humble serv^ts^.

Wm PEPPERRELL. P. WARREN.

LOUISBOURG, Jan^ry^ 18th, 1745.

P. S. Since writing the above, we have an acc^t^ by a small vessell in 30 days from Boston that Govr Shirley was safely arrived there, but have not a syllable of any other news.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL AND PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

LOUISBOURG, Jan^ry^ 28, 1746.*

YOUR Excell^y^ on your departure from hence was so well acquainted with the state of this garrison that we have only to advise you the sickness which you left among us has continued to rage to such a degree that from ye last of Nov. to this date we have buried 561 men, and have at this time 1100 sick. We flatter ourselves from ye burials of three or four days past not amount^g^ to more than 3, 4, & 5 of a day, w^n^ before were generally from 14 to 17, that the distemper abates. However, it has reduced us to less than a thousand men capable of doing duty in the garrison. We think ourselves indispensably obleged by the trust reposed in us to lay our weakness open to y^r^ Excel^y^ that you and the Legislature of your province may (wth the same laudable zeal wch you have exerted thro' the whole of an expedition that has added to the British dominions an acquisition of inestimable value) take the most effectual measures for securing the possession of it against any attempt of the enemy, who may probably make as

* This letter was copied into the Letter-Book out of chronological order, and Pepperrell's clerk no doubt substituted the New Style date for the year instead of the date in the original letter. The handwriting shows that the copy was made in great haste. — EDS.

vigorous a push as possible to regain it, and that before the troops which were intended by his Majesty can arrive here, if they are even set out from Gibraltar. We therefore apprehend it necessary as all humane undertakings are liable to various miscarriages, to guard against the many wch those troops (of wch we have not heard a syllable since you left us) are exposed to in their passage so late in the season as they were expected to embark for this place. And as you have been advis'd that it is his Maj. royal intention to establish two regiments of the Americans here, for their encouragement and the protection of this garrison, it will be necessary as those troops who are here at present, or at least the greatest part of them, are in hopes of returning home upon the terms promised by your proclamation at their first inlistment, to make new levies to relieve them, if even the regular troops from Europe should arrive in due time, for if after that we should pretend to keep them, we may reasonably expect they will be very uneasy. Upon the whole we are well assured we need not use any argument to induce y^r^ Excellency to pursue all the means in your power, both with your own govern^t^ by your authority and influence, and by the latter with all the neighbouring ones, to whose Governours we now write circular letters upon this subject, that may be most conducive to the security of a conquest, the value of wch to our country in general, and the colonies in particular, you are so well acquainted with, wch was no doubt the motive that induced your Excell^y^ to take so much pains in forming and carrying into execution the plan for the reduction of it to his Maj^y's^ obedience, wch has been so happily effected. We have tho't it necessary to send an express home, who saild ye 23rd inst, but would have gone ye 18th, had the wind permitted, to apprise his Grace the Duke of Newcastle of our scituation, as we do by this y^r^ Excell^y^. If we should not be dis-

turbd by ye French in the spring we presume the 1st thing proper to undertake will be ye getting the French from ye isl^d^ of St Johns, if they don't prevent us by going to Canada, and transporting them and those that remain on this island to France, agreable to the capitulation, for we are of opinion none of them are to be trusted. In order to perform this service we shall want several small vessels, some of them armd, and we believe Capt Tyng's ship will be very necessary; of this y^r^ Excell^y^ will be a good judge. We are greatly distress'd for firewood & necessary refreshm^ts^ for the sick. We hope quantities of fresh provisions will be sent when vessels can pass, for no expence should be put in competition with that of saving the lives of his Majesty's subjects who have done so much service. Medicines, the doctors say, are much wanted, and we fear the loss of many in the ship Rousby, wch was wreck'd and beat to pieces the 27th last month within two leagues of this place, and out of 24 every soul perish'd, except three of the common saylors. Among the unfortunate was Col. Bradstreet's brother, and Doc^r^ Eliot wth his son, who it seems was formerly surgeon at Canso, and was appointed to this garrison or hospital, so that tis probable his stock of drugs are lost with him. We can't learn for certain what this ship was laden with, but we beleive provision. However, we have apprised the Duke of Newcastle and the Admiralty of the loss of this ship, who will be the best judges how far this garrison will be affected by it, and how to redress it. Nor can we learn from ye people that were saved more than that she saild from England wth ab^t^ 24 sail, five or six of them storeships for this garris^n^, under convoy of the Kinsale, with whom they parted in a gale of wind near the banks of Newfoundland ab^t^ 3 weeks before their misfortune. Where they are is uncertain, but we hope some of them may be got to Boston, and that you will hurry them down to us. M^r^

Warren writes to the Captain of the convoy, if there, to join him here with the storeships as soon as possible. We have had pretty severe weather since the middle of December, and some ice, but not to hinder vessels from getting into the harbour. We beg y^r^ Excell^y^ will hurry down ye materials for the barracks wch we wrote for to Messrs Apthorp & Sparhawk, as they will be much wanted for the reception of ye regular troops should they arrive, and indeed for those you and the rest of the colonies may send us. Nothing more occurs to us at present, proper for y^r^ information. When any does we sha'n't fail to endeavour to give you the earliest advice, being with great regard, S^r^,

Y^r^ Excell^y's^ most obed^t^ hum. serv^ts^.

P. W. W. P.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO BENNING WENTWORTH.

Boston, Feby 9th, 1745.

Sir, — Four days ago I wrote to your Excellency at large by Lieuten^t^ Auchmuty, desiring your leave for him to beat his drums for raising voluntiers for my regiment within your governm^t^, wch I hope you have before now received. I now trouble you with the same request in favour of Mr Byfield Lyde, and shall take your good offices done him as an obligation to myself. As your Excellency and myself are under the same circumstances with respect to Mr Belcher, I am in hopes y^t^ your generosity of temper will not discourage Mr Lyde, who is the best of the family and reduc'd very much in circumstances, in his pursuit of a commission from me (wch I strain a point to give him) by procuring me some men. If it would interfere wth your good offices to Captn Mason (who is sure of his commission, be his success in recruiting what it will), I would not trouble you with this request. But since the arrival of my own and Sir William Pepperell's commissions I

have given permission to the recruiting officer of Genl Dalziel's regiment in the Leward Islands to beat up for recruits here, thô I question whether he has the King's special order for doing it, as Sir William and I have for raising them in the Northern Colonies, and it is an unlucky time for other officers to be recruiting here. I inclose you the copy of a paragraph of a letter from Mr Cranston of Newport to Mr Caswell of this place, w[ch] I hope may be true, especially in the first article as to the main substance of it. I am, in haste, with great esteem, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble serv[t].

W. SHIRLEY.

His Exc[n] Gov[r] WENTWORTH.

CHARLES CHAUNCY TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To Sir William Pepperrell, Baronet, Lieutenant General of the New England Forces at Cape Breton. These.

DEAR SIR, — This waits upon you at the desire and on the behalf of M[r] Loyd. He tells me all uneasiness between him and the Governour is removed, and that the Governour has been so good as to promise that he shall have the first vacancy in his regiment of a captain, upon condition that you will make the like engagement, that he shall have the first vacancy in your regiment. I know your readiness to oblige any gentlemen of your acquaintance, and particularly a gentleman so nearly allied to Governour Belcher and Col. Byfield, for w[m] you had a great value. What your engagements to others are, or how far you may be able to comply wth this desire, I know not. But this I know, that M[r] Loyd greatly needs some such help fm. his friends, and tis pity one wh. has lived well, and descended fm. such valuable friends, sh[d] come to nothing, as I fear he will, if some such provision is not made for him as is proposed. I doubt not you will

take his case into consideration, and as the Governour has been so good as to distinguish him by a promise of favour, I hope, if you can, you will be ready to do the same. Many of his friends, who are also your friends, would be greatly obliged to you.

I have been in a poor state of health almost ever since you went fm. New England, and am now brot. low. If I cant soon get help, I shall not continue a great while. My disease is an inveterate *colick* wch returns very often, and is obstinate with all the medicines I have been able as yet to use. I hope your health is firm, and that God will preserve it, and soon make way for your return home. I sh^{d} be glad to see you again; but tis best to leave the government of all affairs to the wisdom of Providence. God knows what is best, better y^{n} we do. I doubt not you will beleive me w^{n} I say, that I do wth my whole soul wish your prosperity in this world, and a better. Farewell, I am

Your loving brother & assured friend.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

BOSTON, Feb. 14th, 1745/6.

All friends desire to be remembred to you.

As you have liberty to draw for considerable sums at home, I sh^{d} be glad if you could so order it that our son Townsend may have a bill for an hundred and fifty or two hundred pounds sterling. He will pay the mony to any body you please if he may have a bill.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

LOUISBOURG, Feby 20th, 1745.

SIR, — My last to your Excell^{y} was of the 8th instant, since wch I am not favoured wth a line from you. I should have been glad to have known what directions are come concerning the two American regiments proposed to be

raised for this place, but as I have no letters from any of the officers that are arrived at Boston, I remain intirely in the dark how I am to proceed. 'Tis said here that some blank commissions sent from Eng^{d} are arrived in Boston. I should be glad to know if any of them are to be at my disposal, as I am since my last to y^{r} Excell^{y} informd by some of the officers here that if they were assured of being establish'd only as subaltans they could inlist a number of men here. I am informd that Mr Bastide has a letter from your Lieu^{t} Colonel to proceed in such a method, but what he has done thereon I can't say, I having been ill this three weeks, and have not seen him.

I hope the sickness is dayly abating, the funerals being considerably decreasd lately. Among those lately dead are the Revd Mr Spear, one of the chaplains sent by ye Mass^{a} Province, and the Revd Mr Backus, a chaplain sent from Connecticut, and this day died Col. Shubael Gorham.

Thô all that engaged on ye expedition against this place have merited much, I think those have exceeded who have tarried here thrô the winter at the risque of their lives from a terrible pestilence, and in hazard of starving wth cold for want of fuel, as well as enduring many other hardships which those avoided who returnd to New England.

I took care that the schooners which came here with fresh provisions for the sick were unladen without any delay, and they might have returnd forthwith, but being fearfull of the severity of the weather they delayd it a few days, in wch time a hard storm of wind & snow has obliged them to cut away their masts; but I have endeavourd to get them refitted by Mr Warren's assistance of them, so that they may lose as little time as possible.

Doc^{r} Whitworth is returnd some time since to the care of my regiment, for wch y^{r} Excell^{y} was pleasd when here to give him a warrant. I esteem him a deserving young

gen^{n}, and should be glad if he could be confirm'd surgeon to my regim^{t}, agreable to what y^{r} Excell^{y} mentiond to me here, but I hear there is one arrived from Eng^{d} at Boston. 'Tis said there were 2 or 3 surgeons for this place on board ye ship that was lately wreckd on this island. What vacancy may be occasiond by their deaths I cant say. I impatiently wait the favour of a line from y^{r} Excel^{y}, & am

Y^{r} most obed^{t} hum. serv^{t}.

W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Louisbourg, Feby 28th, 1745.

Sir, — Inclosed is a copy of my last to your Excellency, since which no vessell is arrived here. Yesterday Mr Bastide by letter communicated to me a paragraph of a letter from Col. Ellison to him, wch he received near a fortnight ago, by Capt Gould, wherein Col. Ellison mentions that you have wrote at large to me and Mr Waldo on the head of raising men out of the troops here for the two American regiments, and thô those letters are not come to hand Mr Bastide has desired my leave to raise men accordingly. Upon wch I took the advice of the Council of War this morning, who are of opinion that as your letters may be hourly expected in wch I am to have directions at large on that head, it is best to suspend any proceedings of that kind for the present, wch advice I have inform'd Mr Bastide of, and shall take care that it be observed by the other officers here, Col. Bradstreet having engaged several to inlist with him when the corps in wch they now serve shall be disbanded. If your Excell^{y} should think fit that our officers should raise what men they respectively can here, and also in New England, for the joint benefit of the two regiments I shall act accordingly when I have your opinion & directions which I

shall always endeavour to follow. My design is to take a voyage for England next summer in hopes of recovering my health, but shall wait on y^r^ Excell^cy^ first to receive y^r^ commands. I am

Your most obedient humble servant.

W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL AND PETER WARREN TO PAUL MASCARENE.

Louisbourg, March 8th, 1745/6.

S^r^, — We wrote you late last fall, desiring to know if you had heard any thing of two French captive Indians sent by us into ye Bay Verte, to treat with the chief of their tribes in Nova Scotia upon a peace which we had been informd they were very much inclind to, and to induce some of them to come here to ratifie such articles as should be agreed upon for the better keeping up a mutual good harmony between us and them for the future, but having rec^d^ no answer from you on that head, we take this first opportunity of concerting the best measures we can with you for bringing the Nova Scotia Indians over to the interest of his Majesty, or at least to a strict neutrality during the war, that your garrison may be no more disturb'd, nor the intercourse that may be necessary between New England and this place intercepted by those Indians in any ports of Nova Scotia, especially on the south side where vessels must no doubt often be put in by contrary winds. We apprehend that as his Maj^y^ has, upon being apprized of the good disposition of ye Nova Scotia Indians to make peace with his subjects, directed considerable presents to be sent hither for them, which we may dayly expect, that the most effectual method will be to direct some of your deputies in Nova Scotia who are least attachd to the French interest to prevail on the chiefs of y^e^ Indians to come here

with them, in order to treat, and upon an agreement to receive the presents intended for them and the assurances we can give of his Maj$^{y's}$ gracious intention and good will towards those poor, deluded people. If this should have the desird effect you'll be so good as to inform us of any articles necessary for us to insist upon in such a treaty for y^{e} good of your government, the neighbouring colonies, and that of his Maj. subjects in general. We think in this case it would not be improper to send an intelligent person of y^{r} garrison here with them, who may be a party to ye treaty and let us more fully into your sentiments than you can do by letter, and at the same time may assure the Indians that they may depend upon the most humane treatment, as well as security, and upon their being sent home to their places of abode whether the intended treaty succeeds or not. It is reported that some Indians and French are assembling in Nova Scotia, but as you have not apprizd us of it, we dont give great credit to it, and the less because we are told you have the ordnance packet to send to us upon any intelligence of consequence.

We conceive (however, submit it to y^{r} better judgment) that it is a very great indulgence not to insist upon the people's bearing arms for his Maj^{y} in Nova Scotia, and acting in every respect as subjects; by what right or pretence they claim this, you are the best judge, but we think it would be but reasonable that they should at least keep the Indians upon the peninsula of Nova Scotia neuters, as they have it so much in their power by their superiority in numbers, as well as their scituation upon the istmus that joins it to the continent.

Mr Maliare, a Jesuit of this place, informd us that all the Nova Scotia Indians, men, women, & children, including those of this island, and that of St Johns, was not above 800, which bears no proportion wth the whites who, tis said, are 5,000 fighting men. This admitted, it

would surely be but reasonable to make reprisals upon the Nova Scotians, if they sufferd the Indians to molest or kill any of his Majᵛ subjects within the limits of your governᵗ, when it is so much in their power to prevent them. Upon the whole something should be done to keep these neutral French, as they are called, within proper bounds, and if you will please to represent their behaviour to us, that such measures may be taken from hence as shall be tho't most effectual to keep them in due obedience to his Majesty, you never can have a better opportunity of doing it than at this time, when we are in possession of the Key to Canada. If the Indians should not be prevaild upon to come here, it will be necessary to send some of yʳ deputies to us to settle a method and terms of supplying this garrison, which, I am told, they did when in the French possession, even in war, with all such provisions and other necessaries of life as they may produce, and that shall not be absolutely wanted for their own consumption, or for that of the garrison of Annapolis. This will be a means of distressing any enemy that may come into their country to molest them or you, or that may make it in their way to disturb us here. We have wrote to Govʳ Shirley, desiring he will order some of the vessels from Boston to this place to call on you for intelligence.

We find there are some deserters here, both from yᵉ navy and army, and as we did upon this expedition to encourage such to behave well promised that we would solicit their pardons, we must intreat you to send six or eight blank discharges for any whom we shall find here that may have deserted from General Philips's regiment, in doing which you will oblige us, and prevent our giving the secretary of War any trouble upon this head.

Mʳ Warren is of opinion that as you have kept the ordnance tender all the winter for the service of your garrison, the best method of defraying her expence, wᶜʰ

should commence from the time of your taking her out of the ordnance pay, will be by your draft on the Commissioners of the Navy, citing in y^r^ letter of advice the paragraph of Mr Warren's to you dated 30th Novr last, desiring you would keep her to send express to this place with any intelligence of consequence. He will be glad to know if you approve of this method, and thinks it will be improper to keep her longer than shall be absolutely necessary, and even in that case you should acquaint the Admiralty of y^r^ doing so, and of the necessity there is of a small armd vessel to attend on your garrison during the war, and M^r^.Warren will with pleasure join in such a representation. If the French and Indians within your government should refuse to come into reasonable terms, we hope it will be in our power to assist you with men and ships of war to oblige them to it, the squadron and troops being dayly expected from Gibraltar, and store ships from Eng^d^, with a large quantity of ordnance stores and provisions; among the former there are a great number of heavy cannon, mortars, shells, wall peisces, wth all appurtenances proper for them, wch will make this garrison impregnable. We are, wth great regard, S^r^,

Y^r^ most obed. hum. serv^ts^.

W. P. P. W.

P. S. In a former letter we left it to your consideration whether some method of corresponding with you without hazard could not be found by way of Bay Verte, or some of the bays or harbours on the south side of Nova Scotia, without being obligd to go round Cape Sables. You'll please in your next to communicate your thoughts upon this.

JOHN NEWMAN* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Sr William Pepperrell, Bart., Lieu^t^ Genl and Command^r^ in Chief of his Majesty's Army in Louisburg, &c^a^.

The petition of John Newman, Clerk, humbly sheweth:

That his Majesty, in consideration of your Honour's loyalty, courage, and fidelity in the expedition against this place, which under the divine conduct and blessing was crown'd with a most remarkable and glorious success, having been graciously pleas'd among other distinguishing marks of his favour to appoint you Collonel of one of his regiments of foot, as it is altogether improbable that your own chaplain, the Revd Mr Moody, by reason of his great age and the charge he is already intrusted with in New England, will ask a favour which doubtless on that account, as well as for his superior merrit and shining piety, you will think in point of honour and justice should be offer'd him, viz., that of being your Honour's chaplain on the establishment. Your petitioner, presuming on that strict regard your Honour has ever shown to justice and being willing, even to the day of his death, to serve his Majesty under so fortunate, brave, and generous a commander, humbly begs the favour of your Honour (with whom alone this disposal of it lies) to give him a warrant for that place, and that not only as (upon Mr Moody's refusal) he humbly conceiv's your Honour will think it belongs to him by succession, having had the honour & pleasure to serve as chaplain to the second regiment of the forces under your command in the aforemention'd expedition, but as also upon the first request of his Collon^l^, and of some of the members of the Honourable Committee of War in Boston, he readily return'd, tho' in a hazzardous

* Born in Gloucester, Mass., March 14, 1716, graduated at Harvard College in 1740, ordained at Edgartown in 1748, and died there, Dec. 1, 1763. — Eds.

and difficult season of the year, to his duty in this garrison, from which indeed he would not till this time have been once absent had not a growing indisposition of body, which at his arrival there confin'd him for some considerable time, obliged him to petition your Honour for leave to go home. Moreover your petitioner humbly conceiv's that your Honour will think him intitled to your favour on the abovemention'd account, not only in that of all the chaplains who left the place, after hav'ing had the honour to accompany you in the service, he alone return'd, being willing to venture his life at any time, if in any shape he might contribute to the mentainance of an acquisition obtain'd with so much honour and glory to his country, but also in that he has contentedly gone thro' the hardships of a cold & tedious winter, and actually exposed his life & health to the most imminent danger by constantly visiting numbers of those who were sick of that terrible contagious distemper which has deprived this garrison of so many hunder'ds of your brave men. But that I mayn't intrude too far upon your Honour's patience by troubling you with many words I conclude, not doubting but that as his Majesty, whose princely generosity & impartial justice did not suffer him to bestow those rewards which he thought due to the Lieut^t^ General, &c^a^, in the expedition aforesaid for his conduct & bravery on any other, much less on one who had no share in the glorious toils of the siege, has been graciously pleas'd to do justice to you, your Honour in imitation of his royal example (as you have intirely in your power) will do the same by the second chaplain, and reward the little share he had in the fatigues of the champain, by granting this his humble petition. And then, as in duty bound will ever pray, Your Hon^r^

Most obed^t^ serv^t^ & humble petitioner.

JOHN NEWMAN.

LOUISBOURG, 15 March, 1745.

NATHANIEL SPARHAWK TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

KITTERY, 16th March, 1745.

HONR & DEAR SIR, — Since I returned home from Boston, where I was all winter, I have had the honour of receiving yours of the 28th Jany by Capt Brancom, which I shall make the needfull reply to, and advise you of any material occurrences since my last from Boston, as while I was there I wrote you a great many very long letters, which, though they had not got to hand at ye writing of your aforementioned letter, are now I hope all with you. I am very glad to find you repeating your assurances of returning to your country and family as soon as the Gibraltar troops arrive. I have now the joy to acquaint you that there is 1700 brave fellows with their officers from thence safely arrived at Virginia and New York, and my letters from the westward advised me that they would sail on or before the 16th of this month. I pray God they may speedily all safe arrive with you, and that then you'l again make us happy in your safe return, for which I am more earnest and sollicitous than I can possibly express. As farr as I can judge its quite necessary for your interest in most respects that you should be at home. I have in time past been very free in instancing to you in this regard that I need not be particular now, saving as to ye recruiting of your regiment, upon wch I would observe that Govr S—— y is leaving no means untryed in order to fill his up, and you may depend upon it if he compleats his number before you that he will make a merit of it in England, wch I apprehend to be a matter of very great importance. I was in hopes he would have left this country to you, or, as there is an Indian warr and the towns on our frontier very much thinned of men, that none would have been taken from us. But since his Ex——y has wrote to all the military and civil officers insisting with them for as

many men as they can get for him, and for one certain, it must behove us to do all we can for your regiment, and I have not omitted any means in my power. I have wrote to all that you looked upon as your friends in the county, and I spoke to as many others. But I don't expect much success 'till some New England men are in commission to beat up for you. This I mentioned long since to you, & it grows more & more necessary. I have in the mean time desired Coll° Ryan to send me two of his best officers, & Capt Wentworth & our cousin the Carver have promised to ride with them (as I shall myself & so will my bro^{r} as far as Berwick, Welles, &c.) to the towns at any considerable distance. I have talked with Capt Newmarsh, and he has assured me if Andrew Watkins comes up, as I have heretofore mentioned, that he can get a good number of men for you. There is a young gen^{n} at Boston, the son of Mr William Coffin, who has such friends (among wch his uncle Eben^{r} Holmes is a considerable one) that they would not value spending a few hundred pounds to get him a comp^{y} if he might have a lieutenancy, wch they have desired me to acquaint you with. There is one Grant of Salem, who, I am told, can get men; but whosoever has your commissions, it appears to be quite necessary that they should be up here and at work forthwith. But yet there is a much greater necessity of your own presence in the affair, and it will be a vast saving to you if you can be soon upon the spot. I hope you have been able to recruit a good number for yor regiment at Cape Breton, which will also save you considerable. But I apprehend if you can speedily get home that the face of things will be very much changed. When a man has been absent so long as you have then there is a party sett up in opposition to him & his interest. Its not to be wondered at if he is deserted by his pretended friends, when comon experience almost daily proves that there is but little true friendship in the

world, unless between husband & wife, parents & children, & perhaps a few (but very few though) other relations.

Some designing & ill natured persons in order to ripen their scheme & render it successfull, wch scheme I hinted to you was on foot long ago, have employed persons from the westward to come as farr as Kittery and to represent to some of our inhabitants concerning my conduct at Court things as big with falsehood as the authours are full of malice, hereby to prevent if they can my going to Court next year, wch being accomplished they think it would be more easy to drop you from the Councell then otherwise; and this you may depend will be attempted. Now give me leave to say that if I dont go to Court, Leighton (who is no friend to the family) will, and though I can hardly think his interest will exceed mine, yet if you think it proper, as Capt Staple is, I hear, coming up, I suppose you could easily engage his interest, and if you was to write to some of your acquaintance in town, viz., Major Cutt, Capt Gullison, Carver Dering, Capt Newmarsh, Mr Jno Dennet, it might be of service. I know they are all in our interest except the former, and if his bro^r^ Thomas setts up I suppose he'll have his interest. But y^n^ a line from you would spurr them up to greater industry. I do assure you that I am no otherwise concerned abo^t^ this affair then for ye reasons I have mentioned to you, and that I have the vanity to think the town & country will be as safe with me as with my enemy Leigh—n. You know, Sir, that the next year in all probability everything respecting Cape Breton will be debated at Court in order to a settlem^t^, and as you will be most nearly concerned in many respects, both in point of reputation & interest, and as there are certainly some inveterate enemys to you at Court who would have a much greater advantage to injure you if you were not in the administration, I

should think it very necessary for you to hold your place one year more, if you always declined it in future, and you will certainly if you can get up in April, I make no doubt. Thus much I have thought it my duty to write you, which I submit to your wisdom & consideration.

I observe Capt Douglas is sending up a small vessell to load live stock. I shall be very proud of being usefull to that gen^{n} in any of his comands, & I should esteem it a favour if you would please to let him know it, & at same time make my compliments to him. I am very glad the sickness and mortality abates at Luisbourg. I desire forever to be thankfull that you have been spared, & I pray God you may long be continued a great blessing to your country & family. My wife desires me to make her most gratefull acknowledgments for writing of her so kind & affectionate a letter by Capt Branscom. She will write you an answer in a day or two. In the mean time she sends her duty, as does our little boy, who we long you should see.

I doubt not Mr Apthorp & Mr Colman have kept you & the Admiral constantly advised of their proceedings. I have been employed here in getting the girders & beams, oak & pine joyce, &c., and they would have been shipt 'ere now, but our rivers are but just open. I have hired a sloop of 75 tons & Capt Branscom's schooner, which will load lumber chiefly, and bring 5 or 600 p^{r} shoes, some mollasses, sheet lead, &c., and by these vessells I shall do myself the honour of writing you & the Admiral the needfull. In the mean time be pleased to present him my best respects, and mine & Mrs Sparhawk's to his lady. You need not have mentioned Aunt Tyler to me upon the occasion you did, for upon my going to Boston the beginning last Decem^{r} I ordered her the supply of our vessells, & among the rest a large ship of near 300 tons, wch we have taken the freedom to call the Pepperrell. She would have had also the supply of all

the hardware demanded by you & the Admiral, but as Mr Apthorp has a relation in the busyness wch he claimed one half for, my aunt could have only the other half. You may depend I will do her all the service I can, & that I shall always look on y^r^ friends my own. I hope you'l be able to send another mem^o^ very soon for the garrison, and that it may be for as many things as will be wanted for many months, or you may be prevented & we loose the busyness, wch wont I fear last very long, as its rumoured that some gentlemen in England have contracted for it.

I am very sorry for the loss of the ship Molineaux and the gen^n^ & people ab^d^ of her, also for the loss of the stores.

Mr Pratt, who I made your attorney in the article of prises has sent to England at my request to Mr Bollam an exemplification of the case or tryal of Richardson's prise, and there will be your power wanted by Mr Bollam, so I hope you'l by the 1° opp^o^ send Mr Colman 3 or 4 of them, witnessed by some persons bound to Boston to prove them, that he may claim your $\frac{1}{8}$th wch you have an undoubted right to. As I shall address you again very soon I would only add that your dear lady, my good Mother Pepperrell, is constantly mourning yor absence, nor can you imagine how much she sufferrs on that acco^t^. I cannot but hope she & yor children will now be very soon blessed with your return; and that it may be safe, speedy, & happy is the most ardent wish of one who with the greatest affection and highest respect is, hon^d^ & dear Sir,

Y^r^ most ob^t^ son & devoted hum. serv^t^.

N. SPARHAWK.

P. S. I must own, & I fully agree with you, that its quite barbarous that you should be treated in N. Engl^d^ as you have been by many, & I beleive if you can return

soon, it will be out of the power of yor enemys to prejudice you. I am sure no man could deserve better from his country then you do, and its from envy, as our friend Brigadier Waldo writes me, that you have been so ill used. I promise myself you wont suffer such schrubs to give you much uneasyness. Please to make my compliments to the Brigadier & any enquiring friends.

Y^r^ most ob^t^ son.

N. SPARHAWK.

Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Bart.

SAMUEL SEWALL* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honble Sr William Pepperell, Baronett, Comander of his Maj^ties^ Forces at Louisbourgh. P Mr Gershom Flagg.

BOSTON, March 18th, 1745/6.

HON^D^ & DEAR S^R^, — I am to acknowledge your favour of ye 3^d^ Decemb^r^ last, for which am much obliged. I am very sorry to hear there has been so great a mortality since that date. May it please God to preserve ye lives of those that remain, & yours in particular, & that you may be returned to yor family & to your country to whom you have been so serviceable, & to whom you have indeared yo^r^self. I shall most heartily rejoyce to see ye happy day of your return. This waits on you by my neighbour Mr Flagg who comes to make a visit to his relations and friends at Louisburgh, & to see how he may be of service in his occupation. He is one of ye best carpenters & plummers in ye country, & fit to be overseer & master workman in both those trades, & none can go beyond him in dispatch & goodness of work. However he needs not my recomendation. You'l soon find him as I say. As vast supplys of all stores from hence will be

* Son of Rev. Joseph Sewall, born May 2, 1715, graduated at Harvard College in 1733, and died Jan. 19, 1771. He was a merchant. See 5 Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. v. p. xxx; see also note *ante*, p. 413. — EDS.

wanting, if you would direct your agents to let me come in for a small share in my way should be much obliged, as you know since my misfortune I have been in ye ship chandler & ironmonger business. I am sensible your Sister Tyler is in ye same business. I cannot expect but you will serve her. But as there must be great supplys, if I could have some part shall gratefully acknowledge it, & am with ye utmost esteem & regard,

Yo^r^ most obliged & obed^t^ humble serv^t^.

SAM^L^ SEWALL.

My dutiful regards to ye Admiral, if you please.

BENNING WENTWORTH TO PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

PORTSMOUTH, March 18th, 1745.

GENTLEMEN, — I am favourd with your joynt letter of 25th Jany past p^r^ Capt Branscomb, & in consequence of the application you have made to me for a reinforcement of troops from this Province to sustain the garrison of Louisburg, & in order to releive the troops allready in the pay of this government, I have given my order for raiseing 100 men. By the account I rec^d^ from Coll^o^ Moore in November New Hampshire had in her pay two hundred & eleven men, which by sickness & death in his last account were reduced to 180, which is our quota to 2300 on the Mass^a^ pay, and if the Mass^a^ had their full quota & the other gov^ts^ had theirs, the garrison must have had near four thousand men in November. This is the calculation I make in respect to the severall governments which are as much interested in preserving that valuable acquisition to the Crown as New Hampshire is, but whether they have done as much in proportion to their abilities & considering the great frontier we defend, you must be best able to judge of.

Upon my communicating your letter to my Assembly they proposed the subsisting and paying the one hundred men I had order'd to be raised for reinforceing the garrison of Louisburg for six months, provided I would give my assent to a further emission for defreying the expence, but the present circumstances I am under in regard to a further emission without his Majesty's leave renders it impossible, haveing from the first setting forward the expedition against Louisburg violated his Majesty's Instructions to me respecting emitting paper mony, but it being so immediately for the service of the Crown I presumed to do it, & without it I could not have been in any way instrumental to the effecting the great conquest that was made; therefore I am hopeing the next ships will bring me the King's approbation of what I have done, & until I receive his leave, wch I have wrote for, I dare not give my consent to any mony bill that may be proposed by the Assembly.

The recruiting for Governor Shirley's and Sr William Pepperrell's regiment in this Province makes it very difficult to raise men; however, I am in no doubt but that I shall be able to raise the 100 men I have given orders for by the time Capt Brooks can be here, for which reason I must desire you give the necessary orders for her dispatch, that he may return with all expedition, & if you are under a great necessity for men, it will be proper that I am impower'd to draw on the proper officers for the charges that may arise on inlisting & transporting these 100 men, in case his Majesty's leave to me should not arrive before the men are ready to imbark, wch proposall I hope you will judge necessary for his Majesty's service.

Two of the Gibralter transports are arrived at New York, all the rest at Maryland & Virginia. The pilots are gone from Boston, & the time appointed for sailing is the 25th of this month. I wish them safe with you.

On the arrival of Capt Brannscomb I express'd your

letters to Governor Shirley, to be forwarded by express by him to the respective Governors as directed. I am, with great respect & esteem, gentlemen,

Your most obed^{t} humble servant.

B. WENTWORTH.

His Excellency PETER WARREN, Esqr & Sr WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Bar^{t}.

RICHARD WALDRON TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

To the Honorable Sir William Pepperrell, Baronet, Lieutenant General and Comander in Chief of his Majesty's New England Troops. At Louisbourg. By Capt Brooks.

DEAR SIR, — I did myself the honor to write you yesterday, but closed my letter sooner than I intended, for fear of missing the opportunity of sending it, being informed the vessel was loosing her sails. What I would add is principally touching what I have once and again mention'd (namely), your asking for the government of this Province, which, I am perswaded, would be agreeable to your friends in Massachusets & universally acceptable to the people here, especially the most discerning, who are quite weary of an administration that has so much of the genius and air of Spain in it. I don't mention a salary of 2000£ a year as any considerable motive to a gentleman of your great fortune and ample incomes; however, it is no very despicable sum̃ neither, and will help to tell for game in the family expence, even of a baronet and a Governor. What principally weighs with me, and I would fain hope will influence you, is that you may do a great deal more good in such a public station than in private life. You may make the people quite happy in their privileges, and they will make you quite easy in their obedience, love & respects.

I don't suppose such an overture could be agreeable to you were you to be seated at Connecticut or Road Island,

or perhaps hardly at Boston; but as your residence will be at Portsmouth, from whence it is not an hour's voyage to Kittery, where you may spend many of your hours of relaxation, and assist Mr Pepperrell's affairs as occasion may require with your wholesom & paternal counsels, and my Lady Pepperrell may as often as she pleases (and without difficulty) regale herself with Mrs Sparhawk's company, I hope you will not reject the proposal, nor esteem the scheme unworthy of your thoughts; besides, Sir, I presume you will hardly think it consistent with your honor to sit at York Inferior Court, or Quarter Session any more, nor to follow the busyness of a warehouse and counting-room any otherwise than now and then for your diversion, and if so, what will you do? Surely a gentleman of your application to busyness and of your spirit and action can never give up his life to inactivity and indolence; and if not what is so suitable as the busyness of a Governor? and considering all things, where is a government so agreeably situated as that of New Hampshire? Pray excuse my unreservedness in thus freely opening my mind, and accept these hints as a token of my hearty respects and sincerest wishes for your further prosperity, honor, and happyness. I am, Honble Sir,

Your most affectionate, most obedient, and most obliged hum. servant. RICH^D^ WALDRON.

PORTSM^o^, March 19, 1745/6.

P. S. Pray favour me with a line at your leisure. Col^o^ Jo. Shernburn's widow, Mrs Huske, and Mrs Clarkson dyed lately, all within a few days of one another. The small pox rages at New York; 'tis said the whole city is under inoculation; and that it has got into several towns in Connecticut. Yo^rs^ as above. R. W.

Honble Sr Wm PEPPERRELL, Baronet.

WILLIAM SHURTLEFF* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

PORTSMOUTH, March 20, 1745/6.

HON^D & VERY D^R S^R, — Tho' I have several times been just about to write to you since you went from us upon ye important design y^t still keeps you abroad, I have ℔ one means or other been prevented till now. But seeing your lady yesterday I received w^t comes under this cover from her hands, & assur'd her I would accompany it with a line or two of my own. I was glad to see her in such a good state of health. Her principal disorder at present seems to be ye concern she is under for your long absence. I went from home with a design to wait upon her at your own house, but being inform'd she was at Mr Sparhawk's I went there & had ye pleasure of dining & spending some hours with her & your daughter together.

I assure you, S^r, y^t as ye success y^t an infinitely good God has so remarkeably given to ye forces under your command, & y^t demands such a tribute of praise from us all, has been no small satisfaction to me, so I have particularly rejoyced in his kind & favourable providence to you, both before & since ye reduction of y^t place where you now are. And you are not without my constant wishes to God y^t he would still be your watchfull guardian.

It can't but be a considerable trial of yor patience to be kept so long from yor dear country & belov'd family, but I make no doubt but y^t a regard for ye publick good y^t has call'd for it does & will quiet & support you under it. The great mortality y^t has been among you is a mournfull providence. I wish to God y^t ye surviving souldiery may make a right use of it, & y^t it may conduce to th^r repen-

* Rev. William Shurtleff was born at Plymouth, Mass., April 4, 1689, graduated at Harvard College in 1707, was ordained at Newcastle, N. H., in 1712, and was installed as minister of the South Parish in Portsmouth, in 1733. He died there May 9, 1747. See Allen's Biographical Dictionary, p. 736. — EDS.

tance & reformation. Your endeavours to this purpose I am perswaded will not be wanting. Dear Mrs Husk is taken from us. Her death is justly much regretted ℔ all her acquaintance, but especially ℔ her family. May we all live under just apprehensions of our approaching departure, & be in a constant readiness for ye important & decisive hour. My wife joyns in respectfull salutations. We hope it will not be long before we see you here. In ye meanwhile y^t you may prosper & be in health, & meet with every thing y^t may conduce to yor welfare temporal & eternal, is ye hearty desire & sincere prayer of, S^r,

Yo^r most humble & obedient servant.

WILLIAM SHURTLEFF.

To ye Honble Sr WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

LOUISBOURG, March 20th, 1745.

SIR, — Inclosed is a copy of my last to your Excell^y, since wch I am favoured with yours of the 1st of March, being the only line I have rec^d from you since y^r departure from hence; Bennet and Stinson by whom you mention to have wrote me being not yet arrived. I think it very happy that the troops from Gibraltar are arrived in so good order at Virginia, and hope they will get safe here in good season, and escape the contagion that has prevaild so much here, but thrô God's mercy is now greatly abated and most of the sick are recovering. I rec^d at the same time wth y^r Excell^cy's a letter from Col. Ryan in wch was inclosd his Maj^s orders to me for raising a regiment, but I have no acc^t what commissions I have to dispose of, wch is a great disadvantage. However after having consulted wth Brig^r Waldo and Capt Bastide what terms of inlistment were best to agree upon, we proceeded to make tryal for both regiments in wch we have

succeeded beyond expectation, having already inlisted above three hund[d] men, w[ch] gives me some encouragement, but I fear the levies will go on slowly in New England as so many of the officers are strangers. I have thought of sending up some officers to assist therein, there being some here that, I am persuaded, if I could insure them a Cap[t]'s commission could raise a comp[a] in a few days. We have rec[d] from Mess. Apthorp & Sparhawk part of the materials for y[e] new barracks w[ch] we shall forward y[e] building of wth all possible dispatch, as we find they will be absolutely necessary for y[e] accommodation of so great a number of troops as are happily destind for y[e] protection of this place. I am glad y[r] Excel[cy] joins in opinion wth M[r] Warren & myself that the French should be removed from S[t] Johns as soon as possible, w[ch] hope will be effected accordingly, and we are much obligd to you for y[e] offers of assistance therein. We have heard nothing lately of any of the store ships expected here, but hope they are safe. There are such large quantities of ice floating on this coast that they may have been obliged to put away, if they have lately attempted to gain this port, & I wish nothing more may have happened to the missing vessells from New England. I hope the Kingsale will soon be here, on whose arrival I shall think of returning to New England as soon as possible. I now inclose to y[r] Excell[y] an acc[t] of the distribution of the fresh provisions sent by the Province for the sick in w[ch] I have endeavourd that all possible equity should be used, and hope it will be satisfactory. I am extremely obliged to y[r] lady & good family for their complements, to wait on whom in N. E. will be no small part of my pleasure in returning.

I am, y[r] Excell[cy's] &c.

STEPHEN BOUTINEAU* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, ye 25 March, 1746.

SIR, — These is the second letter I have give meself the honour to wrote in answer of y^rs pr. Madam La Carrete. Agreable to y^r desire I have shows her all the kindness I am capable. First I want to fecth her one board, and broad her to my house w^t her familly which afterwards we, M^r Le Mercier and I, took each of vs one half the familly tel I could provide a house for her which I did I short time near me, so that I maye help her of wood, meat, bread, &ca. She is a very agreable & sensible gentlewomen, and wich is very rare among the French Papiste is the reading the Bible that she does dayly, having one of their ownes translation, but I have lent her a good large one in folio with anotation. We have had severall contraverses att her house w^t an officer of the Vigilant, specially upon the transubstantition. I did make them sensible that thir error was that they take our Savior's word in a carnall sence, and that they should take it in a spiritwall sence. For our Saviour s^d, John 6. 63, It is the spirit that quikneth; the fleche profited nothing. The word that I speak vnto you they are speritt, and they are life; therefore s^d I, If your prist could infuze the body of Christ in the ost, it would be but flecth & blood, and if it profiteth nothing, then you give nothing to them that you administer the sacrement. Thefore you must take it in comemoration be faith. Madam tooke it veri vell. I could s^d great deal more, but could not be contained in a letter, so I conclude, I whissing you and yours all spritwall & temporall blessing and remain, Sir,

Y^r very affectionate sarvant.

STEPH. BOUTINEAU.

To Sir WILLIAM PEPERELL.

* Stephen Boutineau was one of the French Protestants who came over in 1687, and settled in Boston, where he married a daughter of Peter Bowdoin. He was an elder of the church, and died in 1761. See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. viii. p. 247. — EDS.

JOHN IRVING TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

The Honble Sir William Pepperell, General over his Majesties Forces att Lewisbourg.

LEWISBOURG, March 26th, 1746.

HON^RD^ SIR, — Words cannot express the condition I am, that ever my character should have been impeached with the death of Docter Kieth.* I hope your Honour has thought upon the sentiments of the docters appointed to find out the cause of the forsaid's death, I would gladly hope the best, and fear the worst. I thank your Honour for the news of comfort that Mr Newman brought me, and your Honour's kindness in sending me a bottle of wine with which I drank your Honour's health with all the spirits I had regained at the good news, for I was lost in bemoaning my miserable circumstances that the forsaid's death had brought me to. In the midest of prosperity adversity at once apeared.

I beg leave of your Honour to inform you that before this disagreement hapened between me and the foresaid, on the 19th instant, I can bring numbers of witneses to

* See Records of Councils of War, *ante* p. 57. The death of Dr. Keith, who was a surgeon from Rhode Island, was apparently the result of a quarrel with John Irving, the steward of the hospital, but there is nothing in the Pepperrell Papers to show what was the finding of the Court. Irving was still acting as a steward at the end of April.

Irving's own account of the affair is contained in a letter dated March 21, 1745/6, and is as follows: "Last Wedensday night I went up to Docter Kieth's room, about nine of the clock at night, to get a candle lighted. He invited me to sit down, as we were always like brothers. I told him it was late, he urging me again & again to keep him company about an hour, and he would oblidge me as much. So siting down with him we hapned to fal a talking about Docter Teiler's carrying of a man that was a mind to list in your regiment from Thomas Poor, Coll. Bradstreet, being there in the mean time, came out to Docter Teiler, and had some words with him. So I holding out that Docter Teiler was in the wrong for so doing, in consideration that Lewisbourg could not be keept without men. On the other hand he said that Docter Teiler had done no more than he should have done; and Docter Kieth said that he would make it his busseness to do the same, I concluding that if he followed that practise he would reap no benefit thereby. So he giving me the ly several times, at las I was provocked to give him ye ly, as he was running down the thing that I thought tended to the publick benefit of the place. At last he was so unmanurly as to give me four blows, and I, in my own defence, in, please your Honour, hapened to give him a stroke on the eye, for which I am under guard. Docter Kieth went out on the same night with Mr Gorman, the armourer, & next day went out about nine of the clock in the forenoon, and dined at Lieut. Cavinough's, and when I came home at seven of clock was playing cards with Lieut. Engs, and continued rousing till after eleven." — EDS.

prove our friendship. Since I came by your Honour's orders to the hospitall I hope your Honour will consider my confinement without fire, having applyed to Major Titcomb for wood according to your Honour's order, and his reply was that they could not get as much as serve the guards, and if it be agreeable to your Honour's will to bring this woefull afair to a tryal, expecting nothing but justice from all hands, for since I came to Lewisbourg I neither cheated nor defrauded no man, nor has ill will at no man, and hopes to receive none. I shall trouble your Honour with my testimoniall that I had from Scotland when in the Isle of Wight to show your Honour that tho' this misfortune is hapened to me here, my former charecter was clear. I conclude with hopes of your Honour's friendship, and wishing long health, prosperity, and success to all your Honour's undertakings, and am, honrd Sir,

Your most obed^{t} & most hu^{ble} servant.

JOHN IRVING.

P. S. Your Honour knows that I have had none of my bypast allowance, and is under difficulties that way, or if I had it, I have none to ready it for me. Hoping your Hon^{r} will consider my case and defer the tryal as little as possible, and am

Yours as aforesaid.

JOHN IRVING.

ROBERT AUCHMUTY* TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

BOSTON, ye 29th March, 1746.

D^{R} S^{R}. — The many obligations I am under to you in gratitude obliges me to court all oppertunities of convince-

* The eldest son referred to in this letter was Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, D.D., at the time of the Revolution the most eminent Episcopal clergyman in New York. The other two brothers, Robert and James, became lawyers and judges. See Drake's Dictionary of American Biography, p. 42; Sabine's American Loyalists, vol. i. pp. 194–197; and note *ante*, p. 116. — EDS.

ing you of the real sense I have of them. It w^d^ give much greater pleasure, after yor encountering variety of dangers, I could see you in safety returned to yor native country, and to have y^r^ Hon^r^ in person here to address y^u^ on ye subject. I am concerned I can't entertain you with news. No ships lately from Eng^d^ occasions among us a total ignorance of ye transactions in Europe, and as to our home affairs (if worthy yor notice) Capt Boyl, who favours me in ye care of this, will assist in ye killing a little of yor time by leting you into ye p^r^sent situation of them. And in regard to my situation of life I continue still wrangling at the barr. And Mr Bollan's absence and Mr Read's indisposition disableing him from any attention to buissiness renders my load almost insupportable; however ye pleasure of an evening in ye enjoym^t^ of my friends over an exhilerating bowl, & drinking health & success to y^u^ & ye Admiral, drives out ye fatigue of ye past day, and animates me for the next. My eldest son after comencem^t^ (when he takes his second degree) goes home to his uncle ye Dean, & then, at my brother's special desire, enters into holy ord^rs^. My second son whom when in Eng^d^ I entered the Temple I keep close to ye study of ye law for ab^t^ a year longer, and then he is destined to ye Inns of Court, and as to my youngest son the countenance it pleases y^u^ & ye Admirall of yor great goodness to shew him is a most promising introduction to fortune. I hope his dutyful conduct to both and his acting in charecter will give him reason to hope a continuance of both yor fav^rs^. I pray y^u^ will pardon ye freedome I take in opening to y^u^ the provisions I am makeing by God's assistance for my growing succession. And I pray y^t^ each of them in their respective stations will ever have impressed in their minds the obligations y^u^ have been pleased to place on their aged father, and so behave y^t^ they may with equal sincerity always subscribe themselves, sett-

ing bro^r aside, as I begg leave with greatest truth, Honble S^r,

Yo^r most affectionate bro^r & most obedient humble servant. ROB^T AUCHMUTY.

Yo^r off^rs will informe y^n & ye Army how I & my off^rs have eased them in ye condemnation of all ye prizes by them taken

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WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

LOUISBOURG, Aprill 6th, 1746.

SIR, — Inclosed is a copy of my last to y^r Excell^y by Capt Shreves, since which I am favourd with yours of Jan^ry 15th and Feb^ry 16th, and carefully observe ye contents, am much pleasd to find that what I have mentiond in my late letters to your Excell^cy, on the head of inlisting jointly here and in N. E. for the two new regiments is agreable to you, and am greatly obliged to you for the readiness you express equally to promote the service of both, in wch I shall heartily join wth you, and I intirely approve of the measures you have taken and propose to take for that purpose. The advantage wch your Excell^cy observes will accrue by inlisting men on the spot here is what I have had in my mind, and I have accordingly done all in my power consistent wth justice and honour to promote such inlistment, and I must confess our success therein has been much beyond my expectations, and I'm persuaded our haveing appeard to inlist here for seperate interests has been an advantage by stimulating the officers employed therein to outvie each other in success.

I am under no apprehensions of any of the officers of the Gibraltar regiments getting any recruits here; however, shall endeavour to secure all that will inlist here before their arrival. I very much fear that young officers coming here at present will be of ill consequence, as the

resentment of the officers now here at their disappointment and ill usage (as they apprehend it) discovers itself more and more. If they come I shall endeavour to take and give all possible precaution in the affair; and I'm persuaded Mr Warren will do it likewise, and I beg y^r^ Excell^cy^ will confer wth Col. Ryan upon it, and let them be sent or delay'd as upon the whole you shall think most proper.

What you mention of the necessity of allowing the soldiers provisions as at Gibraltar, I think a matter of great consequence, and if not successfully solicited will be of very ill consequence on the minds of those that shall inlist now, and prevent filling up future vacancies. I took care when the raising of the American regiments was first proposed to the Duke of Newcastle to mention it particularly, and Mr Warren did the same. I hope considerable part of the expence of transporting the levies raisd in ye Colonies will be saved by ye assistance of the government's vessells, but if we are allow'd but two guinneas for each man we must be considerable sufferers; but upon the whole I will endeavour to follow y^r^ Excell^cy's^ advice, not to think of ye difficulties yet to be encounterd in this affair, but in order to strengthen my resolution to surmount them if possible, I shall write to Col. Ryan to consult with you on the necessary points, and especially on the head of inlisting jointly, wch I have already mention'd to him. As Brig^r^ Waldo will doubtless give your Excellency a particular acc^t^ relating to the inlistment here, I beg leave to refer you to his letters.

I am sensible of the necessity of what your Excellency mentions of retaining the chief of the troops now here till the garrison is otherways effectually supported, and I wish I may not be obliged to tarry here longer myself than I expected for that reason; but I am intirely of opinion with you that the dismission of some prudently managed will have a good effect on the remainder. I

should be glad to serve Brig^{r} Dwight's brother, but y^{r} Excell^{cy} is sensible I have it but very little in my power.

Mr Warren and I have rec^{d} a smart letter from ye Com^{tee} of War, to part of wch we have answered jointly, and what of it relates to his branch as a sea officer he proposes to answer seperately. The commissary will receive what they have sent. As to what y^{r} Excell^{y} mentions of Mr Kilby's being agent for my regiment, I am not able to determine upon it, as I wrote him when I had thoughts of a regiment here to solicit my having liberty to be absent when his Maj. service would permit, as no person that knew me could suppose that I would tarry here for the sake of it; to which he has given me no answer. But he informs me that he is appointed to it by the Lords of the Regency, and if so, I conclude it is needless for me to send him a power or take ye customary security. The officers here have preferrd to Mr Warren and me a memorial desiring us to pay them their subsistence as his Majesty's officers in other garrisons receive, wch the[y] ground on the inclosed paragraph of the Duke of Newcastle's letter to us, wch we think evidently refers to a paragraph in ours to his Grace, wch is also inclosed. They have likewise petitiond to us for leave to make a distribution of the houses and lands here untill his Maj^{s} pleasure relating to them shall be signified, to neither of wch we have yet given an answer. I should be glad of y^{r} Excellency's sentiments thereon by the first opportunity. I am

Y^{r} Excell$^{cy's}$, &c. W. P.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL AND PETER WARREN TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Louisbourg, May 6th, 1746.

S^{r}, — The weak condition of this garrison by sickness put us under the necessity of applying to y^{r} Excell^{cy} by

our joint letter of 25th of Janry last for a reinforcement as early as possible this spring, lest we should be disappointed in the troops intended for our relief from Gibraltar, but as they happily arrived here the 21st of last month and as the sickness is greatly abated in the garrison, we flatter ourselves that if the colonies (who are as well as our mother country greatly interested in the safety & prosperity of this acquisition) will forward the raising & transporting levies, so as to keep the four regiments appointed for the protection of this garrison compleat, we shall have no further occasion to put them to any trouble or expence for the defence of this conquest. But as we find that the two Gibraltar regiments do not consist of above 1200 men, officers and all, including two companies & a quarter yet expected in the transport from New York, and that we sha'n't have more than 400 men belonging to the two American regiments who have inlisted here, and including the recruits sent from New England, which makes but 1600 in ye whole, we apprehend it will not be prudent, at least for some time, to weaken the garrison by a strict complyance wth yr Excellcy's and our promise to let all the American troops go home, but to do it by degrees as recruits arrive, and by that means keep near as many here as the four regiments, if compleat, would consist of. But if Admiral Townsend or any squadron of his Majesty's ships should arrive we think we need not keep so many. However, we hope the levies will go on well in all the colonies that we may soon have it in our power to keep our faith with the old troops. We find it extremely difficult to get quarters for the new officers and troops, tho' we have converted the hospital into a barrack wch makes a very good one. We are with the advice of the Council going to send two armd vessels to the island of St Johns to bring some of ye deputies of that island here, and to settle measures with the inhabitants for their evacuating it agreable to the terms of the capit-

ulation, with which if they comply we hope when these vessels return those you intend us from Boston will be here ready to go for them and their effects, or upon a concompliance [noncompliance ?], to act in an hostile manner, and if possible to force them into it and destroy their houses and settlements. Neither the Kinsale nor any of her convoy are yet arrived, except the Eliza & Sarah, victuallers, who came some time ago from New York, and is gone to Maryland. Capt Rous is very much wanted here, and materials of all kinds for building and repair^{s} quarters for the troops.

We have sent up by the Shirley Galley ab^{t} 120 of the old troops, ab^{t} 30 of wch are such whose health requird their change of air, and the others such whose necessities most required their dismission, and we shall continue to do the same by every opportunity as the arrival of the levies for the new regiments and the other circumstances of the garrison will admit of. We are, with great regard,

Y^{r} Excell$^{cy's}$, &c.

W. P. P. W.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL TO THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

Louisbourg, May 21st, 1746.

My Lord Duke, — The last letter I did myself the honour to write to your Grace was in conjunction with Mr Warren of the 18th of Jan^{ry} last to inform you of the weak condition of this garrison by the great sickness and mortality that raged among the troops here, and by the two regiments expected from Gibraltar for our relief not being arrived. I have now the pleasure to inform y^{r} Grace that thro' God's goodness it is a time of health among us, and that we have surmounted the difficulties of the winter after having sufferd greatly for want of fuel and other necessaries, and having lost by ye sickness since Novr last ab^{t} [*blank*] men. On the 21st of last month

arrived here from Virginia, in good health, the Gibraltar troops (except one transport which got in last winter to New York, and is not yet arrived here); and on the 8th instant arrived here Admiral Townsend with 2 other of his Majy's ships, with whom arrived also the Kinsale and the two ships with warlike stores for this place wch left England under her convoy. By the Kinsale I had the honour of your Grace's of ye 10th of Sept. last, informing me of his Majesty's royal goodness to me in appointing me Colonel of one of the regiments to be raised in his American colonies for the defence of this acquisition, and of his Majesty's pleasure relating to the other officers of that regimt. Upon the receipt of your Grace's letter of ye 10th of August last I did, agreable to yr direction therein, communicate to the officers who servd with me in the expedition against this place that part of it wherein your Grace was pleasd to say that, in consequence of his Majesty's command, you desird I would acquaint the officers under me who were instrumental in the reduction of this place of his Majesty's most gracious approbation of their service on that occasion, and that in the consideration of establishing one or more regiments of the New England forces for the defence of this most important place an opportunity would be given to distinguish the merit and signal services of those gentlemen who had behaved so well in the service of their King and country, which they received with the greatest gratitude, and were by it encouraged to hope that if any American regiments were establish'd they should be provided for in them, which if they had been I make no doubt but the regiments would have been compleat by this time, but the Americans are very averse to leave those officers under whom they servd in gaing this conquest to inlist with strangers. We have, however, raised out of the troops that have outlived ye mortality here 262 for my regiment and 132 for Gov. Shirley's, and upwards of 200 more are

already arrived here from the colonies, but we both have been obliged, in order to engage them to serve under strangers, to inlist many of them for three, five, or seven years, and to give them a large bounty besides. My being obliged to tarry here untill the arrival of the Gibraltar troops has been a great hindrance to my raising men in the colonies, which and the extraordinary expence I must be at thereby in raising them, I hope will be considered. I shall provide for as many of the officers that were in the expedition as the blank commissions his Majesty has been graciously pleasd to send me will allow. I find that many of the officers sent for my regiment are very young gentlemen who have not had the experience in military affairs that those who were on the expedition have had, and that but few of those that were on it who have obtaind commissions are such as I should have recommended to be first provided for. As Mr Warren's commission for this government is arrived, and a force sufficient for the defence of this place, we propose to discharge the New England troops who have served faithfully hitherto in the gaining and defending this acquisition as soon as vessels can be got ready to transport them home, and I then propose to return to New Eng^d^ to visit my family and promote the inlistments for my regiment, wch I hope will not be disapprovd of. I shall ever retain a most gratefull sence of your Maj. and his Grace's [*sic*] favours to me, and shall endeavour to behave myself so as not to forfeit them. I am, my Lord Duke, with the most dutiful regard,

Your Grace's most obedient and most humble servant.

W. P.

PAUL MASCARENE TO WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Sir, — The inclos'd paper will acquaint your Excellency with the intelligence I have at last been enabled to procure of the motions of the enemy up this Bay; as I do

not know how far it may be necessary on account of the intended expedition against Canada to put by for the present what may concern this province and this garrison, I cannot so well propose measures suitable to our circumstances. I shall, however, point at what may serve for the subject of your consultations with those appointed to be of Council in the transactions intended this summer.

The Canadeans seem to be resolved to keep footing in this province, tho their fleet should not come this fall. Whither they will make any attempt on this garrison without their fleet is what I am not able to determine, but their staying so near us this winter will certainly prove dangerous to the safety of this place, considering the inhabitants we have about us and the soldiers we have in the garrison, that part of them which came lately from England having many Irish and foreign papists among them. Five of them are gone clear of to the enemy; and I have by means of Lieut. Gorham and his rangers retaken five others who were going the same way. I would therefore propose that if a sufficient force cannot be sent immediately to root the enemy out of this province, two good sloops, not too sharp bottom'd, mann'd with fifty or sixty good men each, should come here, which with the man of war now here and the tender, which we ought and I hope will have sent to us, might go up the Bay to harrass and keep the enemy in play till the expedition to Canada is over, and a more vigorous attempt can be made. As to the French inhabitants I have, I think, sufficiently given my opinion before. I know nothing of the present behaviour of those up the Bay other than is mention'd in the inclos'd paper. Those of this River have kept hitherto as dutiful as we can reasonably expect. If by instructions from home or otherwise anything should be determin'd against them, I should wish to have it in my power to make some distinction, to procure an easier treat-

ment to those who have appear'd inclined to serve the government.

The garrison here consist of 294 men, including serjeants, corporals, drum^{rs}, invalids and prisoners, which substracted reduces the number of able private men to about two hundred and twenty, to whom must be added twenty rangers with six gunners and matrosses and the artificers belonging to the Board of Ordnance. The worst is we can hardly afford room for more, the new barracks having gone on very slowly for want of materials, that is, brecks and lime, which came but lately from Boston, so that the second story is but just begining to raise, which has prevented me hitherto pressing for more men, tho I am sensible I may want them. If the two sloops should come that want may be supply'd by throwing the men in the garrison, if we should be besieg'd by land.

Admiral Townsend has sent positive orders to Capt Collins to repair to Louisbourg. He is gone down in order to take the first opportunity of wind and weather. The said Admiral has sent Capt Rouse in the Shirley to keep here; this ship is but half the force of the other, but, however, may serve better in any expedition up the Bay, where the other would be of no use. Thus I have in this and my former letters given your Excellency an account of the state of this Province and of this garrison, and must leave it to you to afford the assistance which the present circumstances will allow of. I have writ both to Admiral Townsend and Governour Knowles, and sent them duplicates of the inclos'd information with an acco^{t} of the state we are in, which may be vouch'd by Capt Collins, who is well acquainted with it, but I am apt to belive that the succours we want may be more readily and more effectually obtain'd by your Excellency's means, your people being for the most part both soldiers, sailors, and wood rangers, and more acquainted in the way of

annoying the enemy we have to deal with. I am, with very great esteem and respect, Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient servant.

P. MASCARENE.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, 20th August, 1746.

His Excellency Governour SHIRLEY.

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO BENNING WENTWORTH.

BOSTON, August 25, 1746.

SIR, — His Grace the Duke of Newcastle having by his Majesty's command, in his letter of the 9th of last April, signify'd to Mr Shirley that if Lieutenant General St Clair & we shall think that any other scheme than that which is contain'd in his Grace's said letter for the reduction of Canada may be more practicable & advisable, it will certainly be left to us three to do as we shall think proper. We have accordingly in the absence of Lieut General St Clair (and as the major part of those in whom his Majesty reposes this trust) from time to time, as we have judged it necessary for promoting his Majesty's service, concerted measures for the better conducting of the preparations for this important enterprize.

And whereas it appears to us, from the accounts we have received of the levies raised within his Majesty's several governments engaged in this expedition, that those rais'd within the four colonies of New England do not exceed 5000 at the most, nor those within the five Southern Colonies 2100, which troops, together with the six regiments expected from England and the two lately arriv'd at Louisbourg from Gibraltar, will not, as we conceive, be a sufficient land force for the reduction of the whole country of Canada, thô the squadron of his Majesty's ships and transports appointed for the service of the expedition should arrive at Louisbourg in time for

proceeding this year up the River of St Lawrence, and carrying on afterwards the necessary operations against Quebec, which from the advanc'd season of the year, and our not having yet receiv'd advice of their being on their passage, we are very apprehensive they most probably will not. And whereas we are of opinion that the beforemention'd American troops together with the Indians of the Six Nations, which it is hop'd will join with his Majesty's troops in this expedition, may if they should act in conjunction against the French fort at Crown Point be a sufficient force for the reduction of it, even thô no diversion should be made at Quebeck to favour this enterprize by a land armament, provided it is attempted without delay; and it appears to us that this fort being the Key of Canada on the land side & the place of rendezvous, from whence the enemy not only may make incursions upon most of his Majesty's colonies, & have begun already to commit great devastations, but very much annoy that part of his Majesty's land forces, which, according to the plan of operations for this expedition transmitted to Mr Shirley in the Duke of Newcastle's letter, is design'd to penetrate into Canada from Albany by land (if it should be left on their backs in the possession of the enemy) the reduction & garrisoning of it by his Majesty's forces would not only be a protection to the English settlements on the frontier during the expedition, but open a more safe passage into the enemy's country for his Maj$^{ty's}$ forces, be a commodious magazine to 'em for stores & provisions, & by making us masters of the Lake Champlain with the passes, defiles, & carrying places as far as the fort at Chamblee, within sixteen miles of Montreal, afford an easy transportation of provisions & succours for the support of the expedition, prevent the enemy from discovering our motions on that side, & put it into our power to make sudden descents on them, all which would be the most effectual means of

confirming the Indians of the Six Nations most strongly in his Majesty's interest, and very probably draw over to it some of the tribes now in the French interest, or at least bring 'em into a state of neutrality between his Majesty's subjects & the French, & would thrô the blessing of the Divine Providence on his Majesty's arms very much facilitate the conquest of the whole country of Canada the next year, if his Majesty should then be graciously pleas'd to send early in the spring such a naval & land force to proceed up the River St Lawrence as he shall judge sufficient, with the assistance of the troops rais'd in America, for the reduction of Quebeck and Montreal (as we have the strongest reason to hope he will), and in the mean time succours are prevented from being introduc'd by sea into Quebec. And whereas we are perswaded on the other hand an unsuccessful attempt both by sea & land this year for the reduction of the whole country (which we apprehend, from the lateness of the season and the weakness of the forces rais'd in the five Southern Colonies that must in such case march from Albany into the enemy's country by themselves, there is reason to fear might be the case, especially if the fort at Crown Point is not first reduc'd) would be attended with the immediate loss of the Six Nations to his Majesty's service, & unite all the Indians most firmly in the French interest, prove fatal to the expedition, and afterwards produce very bad consequences to all his Majesty's Northern Colonies.

We therefore, conceiving it our indispensable duty in the absence of Lieu^{t} General St Clair to execute the trust repos'd in him & us by his Majesty in such manner as we two shall judge to be most for his Majesty's service & the interest of his Northern Colonies upon this occasion, and apprehending that the joining of all the American forces now rais'd in the reduction of Crown Point, in case we don't very suddenly hear of the arrival of the fleet &

British troops at Louisbourg, nor receive other instructions from his Majesty, will not only facilitate the conquest of the whole country of Canada the next year, but is conformable to the scheme of the intended expedition as the same has been communicated in the Duke of Newcastle's letter, and is indeed the only part of it that is likely to be practicable this year, have communicated our sentiments to your Excellency, which are very much founded upon the report made to us on several points which we refer'd to the consideration of Colonel Stoddard & Col° Atkinson for their opinion, the latter of which gentlemen had a commission from you to consult & agree with us on behalf of your government, so that we doubt not of your Excellency's concurrence with us in this case for his Majesty's service & the general interest of the Colonies, and desire that your troops may receive orders from you to hold themselves in readiness to proceed upon the first notice to Albany, where we shall recommend it also to the governments of Connecticut & Rhode Island to send their troops upon the same service, in case we shall not very suddenly receive instructions from his Majesty which may interfere with this design.

We have signify'd this our opinion to Govern^r^ Clinton by express sent to Albany, and desir'd him to get a proper train of artillery transported to the nearest place of rendezvous from Crown Point without delay, to be ready for the execution of this scheme, and to acquaint the officers of the forces of the other southern governments with what we propose.

Mr. Shirley will order what ordnance stores he can from this Province which are not to be procur'd in the other governm^ts^, and we must desire that your Excellency will provide your proportion of powder upon this occasion. We are with great regard, Sir,

Your Excelly's most obedient humble servants.

P. WARREN. W. SHIRLEY.

His Exc^y^ Govr WENTWORTH.

MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR SHIRLEY TO THE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL & HOUSE OF REPRESENT^VES, —I was concern'd at your rising last week without coming to any determination upon my message to you concerning the impending danger which his Majesty's province of Nova Scotia is in of being lost to the enemy. The prevention of so fatal an evil is a matter which in my opinion demands the most speedy care, and I must press you to give an immediate & close attention to it; and I think proper to add to my former message upon that subject that when at the beginning of this present meeting of the Court I communicated to you Mr Warren's & my sentiments concerning the employment of the soldiers rais'd in this Province & the three other colonies of New England for the intended expedition against Canada, in conjunction with the forces raised within the five Southern Colonies, in an immediate attempt for the reduction of the French fort at Crown Point, I was not apprised of the dangerous situation of affairs in Nova Scotia. But now from the advices transmitted from Lieu^t Govern^r Mascarene (which are further confirmed to me by letters from officers of the garrison at Annapolis Royal, with this additional circumstance that thirty French officers are landed about Menis with the Chevalier de Ramsey, an officer of distinction from Canada, who is said to have the chief command) compar'd with the Nova Scotians' stopping all communication with the garrison, the detaining of all the messengers lately sent by Mr Mascarene to Menis for intelligence, the hostile reception which the vessell which he sent up the Bay for the same purpose, together with the numerous fires made on shoar (upon its appearance) to alarm the country; the accounts which I had before reced. from Louisbourg that several

French transports were gone to Bay Verte; & from masters of vessells that two large French ships were seen to go into Jebucto Harbour; I say from these concurring circumstances there can be no room to doubt but that a body of Canadeans & Indians is now actually assembled at Menis or some other parts of Nova Scotia with a design to make a sudden attempt for the reduction of it; and as the enemy's making themselves masters of that Province is evidently the most practicable method (I think I might venture to say the only probable one) for the French to recover Cape Breton in, either by open force or (if that should not be thought advisable to attempt) by possessing themselves of an equivalent for it, we have still stronger reason to be perswaded of the reality of the enemy's now meditating such an attempt; as to their numbers actually landed in Nova Scotia from the appearance of their fires & other accounts, we may probably suppose 'em to be upwards of 1000 men, especially as it is certain that they had beseig'd his Majesty's garrison at Annapolis Royal with about 1100 men early in the spring before last, & remained there till they broke up & dispers'd upon the arrival of our troops before Louisbourg.

Gentlemen, — The danger which these motions of the enemy threaten us with will arise not from their present number, but our suffering 'em to continue in the province of Nova Scotia till they have gained over the French inhabitants (already ripe for a revolt) to join with 'em in attacking his Majesty's garrison, which may yet be prevented (as it has already most happily been twice before upon the appearance of succors from this government) by seasonably sending a sufficient strength of his Majesty's troops intended for the expedition against Canada to Annapolis Royal to drive the Canadeans ought [out ?] of Nova Scotia, which seems not difficult to be done at present. But if they are permitted

to winter there that will afford 'em time to transport their artillery & stores (which we may reasonably suppose they came supplyed with & have entroduced into the province by way of Bay Verte) to Annapolis, for doing which I have certain information that there is an easy road by land from Menis to that part of the province, supposing they have no way of doing great part of it by water carriage, which very possibly they may. This would also give 'em time to fortify some part of the country, & effectually to work upon & bring the inhabitants to an actual revolt, who upon seeing the enemy masters of a proper train of artillery, & that they had made the necessary dispositions for a general attack upon the garrison, most likely at a season of the year when it might be impracticable or extreamly difficult for succors to be sent 'em, either from the colonies or from Louisbourg, would it [is] justly to be feared most readily join the enemy.

What the consequence of the loss of this province would be are so obvious that I need but barely mention 'em to you. The French by making this acquisition would gain an additional tract of territory upon this continent nearly as large as Ireland setled with about 30,000 inhabitants, all French Roman Catholicks, among whom are reckoned to be near 6,000 fighting men well acquainted with our eastern coast and harbours, besides a considerable body of the Cape Sables, St Johns and other neighbouring Indians, by which augmentation of their strength they would be immediately enabled to break up all our settlements in the late province of Main & probably the whole province of New Hampshire, & with them would be lost to his Majesty that part of the mast country in America from whence are at present wholly drawn the supplies of masts, yards, &c., for the royal navy. This event would be also instantly attended with the loss of the fishery upon the Cape Sable shoar,

would animate all the Indians now in the French interest and redouble their rage & fury against us, & would most probably weaken our present influence over the Six Nations, if not occasion their going over to the enemy. The addition of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia to the French would likewise greatly strengthen 'em against the intended expedition for the reduction of Canada; and to say no more, this fatal event would involve the colonies of New England in such endless difficulties & confusion that the best they could hope for in case they could not recover Nova Scotia from the enemy seems to be that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to save 'em by giving up Cape Breton in exchange for it, tho it may well be made a question whether the French would agree to such an exchange, & not rather take their chance for the recovery of that island in the course of the war, which their acquisition of Nova Scotia would so much facilitate to 'em.

You must be sensible, gentlemen, that this alteration of the face of affairs after my first message to you since this meeting of the Court will necessarily occasion some alteration of the measures proposed in it, & that his Majesty will certainly expect that a suitable number of the troops now in his pay & arm'd & cloathed by him should be employed for the immediate protection of his province of Nova Scotia from the present danger it is exposed to; a province which the Crown has been at so great an expence to maintain the possession of ever since the reduction of it, merely as a barrier to his other Northern Colonies, particularly those of New England, against the French, & the preservation of which in a most especial manner is so essential to the safety of this province & that of New Hampshire, and that I am obliged both by my duty to his Majesty & my regard to the welfare of the province to take care that Nova Scotia is properly protected.

Gentlemen: I have not altered my sentiments concerning the importance of the reduction of the French fort at Crown Point, & have the carrying of that attempt on at heart as much as ever. I hope the levies raised in all the colonies concern'd in the intended expedition may be sufficient to answer both services. But that for the preservation of the province of Nova Scotia must be effectually attended at all events.

You will see the sentiments of the Council of N. York concerning the numbers requisite for effecting the reduction of Crown Point, & by Col. Stoddard's letter what season he judges best for attempting it, with the reasons for supporting his opinion, which seem very strong.

W. SHIRLEY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 9 Sept^{r}, 1746.

ADDRESS OF THE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MASSACHUSETTS TO GOVERNOR SHIRLEY.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, — The exposed & hazardous condition of the province of Nova Scotia has been duly considered by the two Houses.

It is very evident that the preservation of that country is of great importance to his Majesty's interest; but the circumstances of the people of this Province are such that it is not possible for them to be at any further expence at this time, so much of their substance being exhausted by the late expedition, the levies for Canada, & the defence of the frontiers, besides so many men have been lost at Louisburg & since our troops returned from thence, & by the seamen that have been impressed on board his Majesty's ships of war, & that there are scarce enough left to resist the attacks made by the

* This address was adopted by the House Sept. 10, 1746. See Journal of the House of Representatives, 1746, p. 135. — Ed.

French & Indian enemy. And it would not have been safe for so great a force as has been raised for the expedition to Canada to have left the Province only, as it was hoped this would be a means of removing the enemy from our own borders. But notwithstanding, if your Excellency is of opinion that it will be for his Majesty's service to employ any of the troops enlisted for the expedition to Canada for the defence of Annapolis (there being no doubt but this service will be preferred by many of the men to that of the expedition to Crown Point), the two Houses have no exception, provided there be fifteen hundred of said troops employed for the expedition to Crown Point, and your Excellency can give assurance that none shall be compelled nor allowed to remain in garrison at Nova Scotia or as a standing force for the protection thereof; and that no part of the pay, subsistence, nor charge of transporting them shall lay upon the Province.

In the name & by order of the Council.

J. WILLARD, *Sec^ry*.

In the name & by order of the House.

T. HUTCHINSON, *Spk^r*.

PETER WARREN AND WILLIAM SHIRLEY TO BENNING WENTWORTH.

BOSTON, Septem^r 12, 1746.

SIR, — Advice is arriv'd here from Mr Mascarene that a considerable body of French & Indians from Canada is assembled at Menis, & that if they don't make an immediate attempt upon the garrison there, their design is to winter 1200 of those forces in Menis, whereby they will have an opportunity of fortifying that part of the country, transporting a train of artillery (wch we have great reason to beleive they have introduc'd by the way of Bay Verte) from thence to Annapolis Royal & of bringing the inhabitants (already ripe for a revolt, & among wch are com-

puted to be near 6,000 fighting men) together with the Cape Sable Indians to join 'em in attacking his Majesty's garrison very early in the spring, before the season would admit of succours being sent to it.

The loss of his Majesty's province of Nova Scotia would be an event so fatal to his service in every respect & to the intended expedition for the reduction of Canada (if that should proceed the next year) in particular, as the enemy by means of that acquisition would augment the number of their fighting men very considerably, & besides enabling them forthwith to break up the late Province of Main, & very probably the whole Province of New Hampshire, within which limits is comprehended all the mast country in America (from whence his Majesty draws at present the whole supply of masts, yards, &c^{a}, for his royal navy), would greatly endanger the safety of the other English colonies upon this continent, & even of the island of Cape Breton itself, the recovery of which would be facilitated to the enemy by their possession of Nova Scotia, whether they should attempt it by force or by proposing an equivalent for it, that we think it adviseable to endeavour to drive the enemy this fall out of the Province of Nova Scotia, if possible, & in the mean time that an immediate reinforcem^{t} should be sent to the garrison to prevent any sudden surprize.

Hereupon Mr Shirley has determined to send no more than 1500 of the Massachusetts levies upon the expedition to Crown Point, and to employ the remainder of 'em, which is about 1000, in the protection of Nova Scotia, vizt, by forthwith sending 300 men to Annapolis Royal, 200 of wch for the reinforcem^{t} of the garrison & the other 100 to be employed in two sloops in the Bay, as Mr Mascarene proposes in his inclos'd letter, and to dispatch the remaining 700 to Annapolis as soon after as is possible, to form, in conjunction with the levies of your governm^{t} which you shall think proper to send & the governm^{t} of Rhode

Island (to wch also we shall recommend it) upon the same service, a sufficient body to dislodge the French & Indians of Canada, & prevent 'em from wintering in any part of Accadie, wch would be attended with the utmost hazard to the safety of his Maj^ty's^ garrison at Annapolis Royal, & with that to his whole Province of Nova Scotia, the loss of wch would be followed with the most destructive consequences to the interests of all the colonies, particularly this & the province under your Excellency's governm^t^ & to his Majesty's service in general.

Your Excellency as Governour of the province of New Hampshire & Surveyor General of his Majesty's Woods, the preservation of which & of the estates of the inhabitants of the province are most nearly connected with his Maj^ty's^ preserving the possession of Nova Scotia, will, we doubt not, have this service so much at heart that we need only recommend it to you to join with Mr. Shirley in it by sending as soon as may be all the levies you have rais'd within your governm^t^ for his Maj^ty's^ service in the intended exped^n^ against Canada to Annapolis Royal for the protection of Nova Scotia & driving off the enemy from Mines, wch we are in hopes may be done, if attempted in time, seasonably for the troops to return from thence within two months at farthest after their landing at Annapolis; and we are the rather induc'd to press this upon your Exc^y^ as we are in hopes that the additional strength of 1500 of the Massachusetts levies & the 1000 Connecticut troops to those rais'd in the five Southern colonies, wch according to our acco^ts^ may be computed at upwards of 3000, may be a sufficient force in conjunction with the Six Nations for the reduction of the fort at Crown Point, thô if his Maj^ty's^ service had not demanded such a part of his New Engl^d^ troops for the protection of Nova Scotia, we should have thought it adviseable that the whole of 'em should have been employed in the expedition against Crown Point.

As to the appointm^{t} of the commanding officer for the expedition against Crown Point, which you inquir'd after in your last letter, Mr Clinton by his express from Albany with the privity (and as it appears to us with the approbation) of his Council acquaints us that he thinks it will be most proper that we should appoint the gentleman for that command, & accordingly desires we will do it, & we have appointed Brigadier Waldo as a gentleman whose rank, services upon the expedition against Cape Breton, & capacity to serve his Majesty in the chief command upon the present expedition, we are perswaded, clearly entitle him to it. The method we propose for investing the officer whom we nominate with that command is that the Govern^{rs} of the several Colonies should order the officers appointed by themselves to pay due obedience to Brig^{r} Waldo's orders as commanding officer, which we hope may be agreable to your Excellency. Mr Waldo being not yet come from the Eastward (thô hourly expected) we are not certain that he will accept the command, thô we have no great doubt about it. As to the chief command of the troops wch shall go to Nova Scotia, we shall endeavour to do everything that may be agreable to your Exc^{y} in that respect, in case you think fit to send any troops there, as we hope & depend upon it you will, especially if Col^{o} Atkinson goes there. We are with great regard, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servants.

P. WARREN. W. SHIRLEY.

We hope for the favour of an answer by the express.

His Excellency Governour WENTWORTH.

APPENDIX.

Commissions in the Second Massachusetts Regiment, whereof the Honble Samuel Waldo, Esqr, is Colonel.

NAME.	QUALITY.	DATE.
Samuel Waldo, Esqr	Col^o & Captn 1st Comp^y	5th Feb^y, 1744
Arthur Noble, Esqr	Lieu^t Col^o & Capt 2^d Comp^y	5th Feb^y
William Hunt, Esqr	Major	15th Feb^y
Samuel Moodey	Captain 1st Comp^y	9th Feb^y
John Watts	Captain 2^d Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Philip Dumaresque	Captain 3rd Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Benj^a Goldthwait	Captain 4th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
Danl Hale	Captain 5th Comp^y	11th Feb^y
Jacob Stevens	Captain 6th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
James Noble	Captain 7th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Richd Jaques	Captain 8th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
Danl Fogg	Captain 9th Comp^y	13th Feb^y
Jere. Richardson	Captain 10th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Charles Proctor	Lieu^t 1st Comp^y	9th Feb^y
James Noble	Lieu^t 2^d Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Josiah Crosby	Lieu^t 3rd Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Charles Harrison	Lieu^t 4th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
James Bailey	Lieu^t 5th Comp^y	11th Feb^y
Stephen Webster	Lieu^t 6th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
Solomon Bragdon	Lieu^t 7th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Wm Allen	Lieu^t 8th Comp^y	19th Feb^y
John Libbee	Lieu^t 9th Comp^y	16th Feb^y
Clem^t Chamberlain	Lieu^t 10th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
John Murphey	Ensign 1st Comp^y	9th Feb^y
John Cargill	Ensign 2^d Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Thos French	Ensign 3rd Comp^y	15th Feb^y
Joseph Newhall	Ensign 4th Comp^y	March 5th, 1744
Abraham Edwards	Ensign 5th Comp^y	Feby 11th
Edmond Morse	Ensign 6th Comp^y	Feby 9th
Danl Mesharvey	Ensign 7th Comp^y	Feby 8th
Edward Clark	Ensign 8th Comp^y	Feby 9th
Jon^a Lord	Ensign 9th Comp^y	Feby 16th
John Russell	Ensign 10th Comp^y	Feby 8th
John Shaw	Second Lieutenant	June 12th
Nathl Mountford	Commissary	March 9th, 1744
Benj^a Williams	Lieu^t in Maj^r Noble's Comp^y	Jan^ry 10th, 1745

APPENDIX.

A REGISTER of the Commissions in the Army under the command of the Honble WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Esqr, for an Expedition against the French Settlements on Cape Breton, &c^a^.

General Officers.

WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Esqr, Lieutenant General & Commander in Chief of all the Forces by Sea & Land in s^d^ Expedition, &c^a^. Dated 31st Jan^y^, 1745.

From Governour Shirley & Governour Law & Govern^r^ Wentworth, with a Commission from Governour Shirley to hold Courts Martial, March 19th, 1744, & to appoint necessary & proper Officers therefor.

ROGER WOLCOTT, Esqr, Major General, from Govr Shirley. Dated 7th March, 1745.

SAMUEL WALDO, Esqr, Brigadier General. Dated Feby 7th, 1745, from Govr Shirley.

JOSEPH DWIGHT, Brigadier General. Dated Feby 20th, 1745, from Governour Shirley.

Commissions in the first Regiment of the Massachusetts Troops rec^d^ from Governour Shirley.

NAME.	QUALITY.	DATE.
The Honble Willm Pepperrell, Esqr	Colonel & Captain of the first Company	31st Jan^y^, 1744
John Bradstreet, Esqr	Second Col^o^ & Captain of the second Comp^y^	Feb^y^, 1744
John Storer, Esqr	Second Lieu^n^ Col^o^ & Captn of the third Comp^y^	5th Feb^y^, 1744
Richard Cutt, Esqr	Major & Captain of the fourth Comp^y^	5th Feb^y^, 1744

Name.	Quality.		Date.
Peter Staples	Capt Lieut	1st Compy	5th Feby
Ephm Baker	Captain	2d Co	16th Feby
John Kinselagh	Captain	5th Co	2d Feby
John Harman	Captain	6th Co	5th Feby
Moses Butler	Captain	7th Co	5th Feby
Thomas Perkins	Captain	8th Co	5th Feby
Willm Warner	Captain	9th Co	5th Feby
Moses Pearson	Captain	10th Co	6th Feby
John Butler	Lieut	2d Co	16th Feby
John Fairfield	Lieut	3rd Co	5th Feby
Bray Deering	Lieut	4th Co	5th Feby
Andrew Watkins	Lieut	5th Co	2d Feby
Benja Harmon	Lieut	6th Co	5th Feby
	Lieut	7th Co	
John Burbank	Lieut	8th Co	5th Feby
George Gerrish	Lieut	9th Co	5th Feby
George Knight	Lieut	10th Co	6th Feby
George Gowell	2d Lieut	1st Compy	5th Feby
Joel Whittemore	Ensign	1st Compy	5th Feby
John Greenough	Ensigns	2d Compy	16th Feby
Josiah Rice			1st March
Nath Kemball	Ensign	3d Compy	5th Feby
Charles Cavenaugh	Ensign	5th Compy	2d Feby
Jos. Weeks	Ensign	4th Compy	5th Feby
Thoa Adams	Ensign	6th Compy	5th Feby
	Ensign	7th Compy	
Thoa Hardy	Ensign	8th Compy	5th Feby
John Bridge	Ensign	9th Compy	5th Feby
James Springer	Ensign	10th Compy	6th Feby
Jos. Goldthwait	Adjutant		12th March
John Gorman	Armourer		1st February
	Afterwards		
Richard Mumford, Esqr	Capt 1st Compy		June 3rd, 1745
Wm Smith, Esqr	Capt 2d Compy		June 5th, 1745
Joshua Champlin, Esqr	Capt 3rd Compy		June 3rd, 1745
Edward Cole	1st Lt 1st Compy		June 3rd, 1745
Richd Smith	1st Lt 2d Compy		June 5th, 1745
Saml Eldred	1st Lt 3rd Compy		June 3rd, 1745
Jos. Weeden	2d Lt or Ensn 1st Compy		June 5th, 1745

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Richd Hoyle	2d Lt or Ensn 2d Compy	June 5th, 1745
Jeffrey Champlin	2d Lt or Ensn 3rd Compy	June 3rd, 1745
Edward Cole	Capt of Mumford's Compy	Novr 5th, 1745
Benja Allen	2d Lt or Ensn of Cole's Compy	Novr 5th, 1745
Richd Hoyle	1st Lt 2d Compy	Novr 29th
James Angell	2d Lt or Ensn 2d Compy	Novr 29th

The above are the officers from the Colony of Rhode Island who did duty in General Pepperrell's Regiment, and had their commissions from Govn Wanton.

Richard Hoyle	Capt of a Company	March 31st, 1746
Jos. Wheeden	1st Lieut Capt Cole's Compy	Novr 5th, 1745
James Angel	1st Lieut of Capt Hoyle's Co	March 31st, 1746
	Afterwards	
Joseph Stevens	Lieut	Novem. 28th, 1745
Danl Wilson	Ensign	
Christo Jephson	1st Lieut	June 17th
Thos Callis	Lieut	Aug 2d
Peter Grant	Lieut	Feby 5th, 1744
John Lewis	Ensign	Feby 5th
Joel Whittemore	Lieut	July 20th
Wm Crosby	Adjutant	July 20th
Edmund Dwight	Captain	Octobr 15th
Nathl Collins	Lieut	Octor 15th
Jonathan Kellogg	Captain	Octor 16th
Aaron Hitchcock	Lieut	Octor 16th
Benja Titcomb	Ensign Bagly's Compy	Feby 1st, 1745
Nathan Payson	Lieut Capt Pearson's Compy	Novr 28th, 1745
David Gunnison	Ensn Capt Staples's Compy	May 1st, 1746
Joshua Insley	Ensn Capt Pearson's Compy	May 1st, 1746

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John Shaw	Lieu't in Genl Pepperrell's Regt	Octo. 27th, 1745

Commissions in the Second Massachusetts Regiment, whereof the Honble Samuel Waldo, Esqr, is Colonel.

NAME.	QUALITY.	DATE.
Samuel Waldo, Esqr	Col^o & Captn 1st Comp^y	5th Feb^y, 1744
Arthur Noble, Esqr	Lieu^t Col^o & Capt 2^d Comp^y	5th Feb^y
William Hunt, Esqr	Major	15th Feb^y
Samuel Moodey	Captain 1st Comp^y	9th Feb^y
John Watts	Captain 2^d Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Philip Dumaresque	Captain 3rd Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Benj^a Goldthwait	Captain 4th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
Danl Hale	Captain 5th Comp^y	11th Feb^y
Jacob Stevens	Captain 6th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
James Noble	Captain 7th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Richd Jaques	Captain 8th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
Danl Fogg	Captain 9th Comp^y	13th Feb^y
Jere. Richardson	Captain 10th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Charles Proctor	Lieu^t 1st Comp^y	9th Feb^y
James Noble	Lieu^t 2^d Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Josiah Crosby	Lieu^t 3rd Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Charles Harrison	Lieu^t 4th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
James Bailey	Lieu^t 5th Comp^y	11th Feb^y
Stephen Webster	Lieu^t 6th Comp^y	9th Feb^y
Solomon Bragdon	Lieu^t 7th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Wm Allen	Lieu^t 8th Comp^y	19th Feb^y
John Libbee	Lieu^t 9th Comp^y	16th Feb^y
Clem^t Chamberlain	Lieu^t 10th Comp^y	8th Feb^y
John Murphey	Ensign 1st Comp^y	9th Feb^y
John Cargill	Ensign 2^d Comp^y	8th Feb^y
Thos French	Ensign 3rd Comp^y	15th Feb^y
Joseph Newhall	Ensign 4th Comp^y	March 5th, 1744
Abraham Edwards	Ensign 5th Comp^y	Feby 11th
Edmond Morse	Ensign 6th Comp^y	Feby 9th
Danl Mesharvey	Ensign 7th Comp^y	Feby 8th
Edward Clark	Ensign 8th Comp^y	Feby 9th
Jon^a Lord	Ensign 9th Comp^y	Feby 16th
John Russell	Ensign 10th Comp^y	Feby 8th
John Shaw	Second Lieutenant	June 12th
Nathl Mountford	Commissary	March 9th, 1744
Benj^a Williams	Lieu^t in Maj^r Noble's Comp^y	Jan^ry 10th, 1745

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Benj[a] Easterbrooks	Lieu[t] Cap[t] Soul's C[o]	March 3rd, 1745
Jon[a] Trumbal	Lieu[t] in Cap[t] Watkins's C[o]	March 17th, 1745
Joseph Waldo	1st Lieu[t] in Brig[r] Waldo's Comp[y]	March 28th, 1746
	Afterwards	
John Lemmon	Ensign	May 10th, 1745
Andrew Watkins	Captain 8th Company	May 4th, 1745
Joseph Newhall	1st Lieu[t]	July 20th
Sebastian Zouberbhuler	Captain	Jan[y] 10th
John Sterns	Captain of a Comp[y]	Nov[r] 30th, 1745

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John Huston	Captain	Octo[r] 2[d], 1745
James Fry	Ditto	Octo[r] 2[d]
Eph[m] Hayward	Ditto	Octo[r] 2[d]
Jon[a] Hubbard	Ditto	Octo[r] 2[d]
Jos. Clark	Ditto	Octo[r] 24th
Sam[l] Waldo, Jn[r]	Ditto	Octo[r] 12th
Jon[a] Smith	Ditto	Octo[r] 21st
Ab[m] Edwards	Ditto	Octo[r] 2[d]
James Noble	Major	
Clark	Lieu[t]	
Tho[s] Waldron	Lieu[t]	Octo[r] 12th
John Moore	Lieu[t]	Octo[r] 21st
Jeremy Pearson	Lieu[t]	Octo[r] 2[d]
Jon[a] Hoar	Lieu[t]	Octo[r] 29th
Jeremy Powers	Ensign	Octo[r] 21st
John March	2[d] Lieu[t]	Octo[r] 2[d]
Benj[a] Butterfield	Ensign	Octo[r] 29th
John Malcomb	Ensign	Octo[r] 29th
Elisha Strong	2[d] Lieu[t]	Octo[r] 2[d]
Dudley Bradstreet	2[d] Lieu[t]	Octo[r] 2[d]
John Fry	1st Lieu[t] in Cap[t] Fry's Comp[y]	Octo[r] 2[d], 1745
Nath[l] Pettingall	2[d] Lieu[t] in s[d] Comp[y]	Octo[r] 2[d]
John Bell	Lieu[t] in Cap[t] Howard's Comp[y]	Octo[r] 2[d]

Commissions in the Third Massachusetts Regiment, whereof the Honble Jere. Moulton, Esqr, is Colonel.

NAME.	QUALITY.		DATE.
Jeremiah Moulton, Esqr	Colonel & Captain	1st Comp^y^	Feby 5th, 1744
Nathl Donnell, Esqr	Lt Col^o^ & Captn	2^d^ Comp^y^	Feby 5th
Edward Ellis, Esqr	Major & Cap^n^	3rd Comp^y^	Feby 25th, 1744
Christ^o^ Marshall	Captn	3rd Comp^y^	Feby 15th
James Grant	Captn	4th Comp^y^	Feby 1st
Chas King	Captn	5th Comp^y^	Feby 1st
Peter Prescott	Capt	6th Comp^y^	Feby 9th
Ammi Ruammah Cutter	Capt	7th Comp^y^	
Saml Rhodes	Capt	8th Comp^y^	Jany 29th
Barth^o^ Trow	Capt	9th Comp^y^	Feby 15th
Estes Hatch	Capt	10th Comp^y^	Feby 4th
	Capt Lieu^t^	1st Comp^y^	
	Lieutenant	2^d^ Comp^y^	
Benj^a^ Stansbury	Lieu^t^	3rd Comp^y^	Feby 1st
Benj^a^ Phippen	Lieu^t^	4th Comp^y^	Feby 1st
John Marston	Lieu^t^	5th Comp^y^	Feby 4th
Willm Larken	Lieu^t^	6th Comp^y^	Feby 9th
	Lieu^t^	7th Comp^y^	
Jon^a^ Hartshorn	Lieu^t^	8th Comp^y^	Feby 8th
Joseph Miller	Lieu^t^	9th Comp^y^	Feby 15th
Eben^r^ Newall	Lieu^t^	10th Comp^y^	Feby 4th
	2^d^ Lieu^t^	1st Comp^y^	
	2^d^ Lieu^t^	2^d^ Comp^y^	
Nathl Richardson	Ensign	3rd Comp^y^	Feby 15th
Israel Porter	Ensign	4th Comp^y^	Feby 1st
Joseph Gerrish	Ensign	5th Comp^y^	Feby 14th
Jon^a^ Hoar	Ensign	6th Comp^y^	Feby 9th
	Ensign	7th Comp^y^	
John Hearsey	Ensign	8th Comp^y^	Feby 8th
Joseph Fairbanks	Ensign	9th Comp^y^	Feby 8th
Eben^r^ Sumner	Ensign	10th Comp^y^	Feby 4th
James Donnel	Ensign		Feby 5th
John Lane	Lieutenant		Feby 5th
	Afterwards		
John Card	1st Lieu^t^		Feby 7th
Saml Black	2^d^ Lieu^t^		Feby 7th, 1745

Name.	Quality.	Date.
John Trevitt	Adjutant	May 6th, 1745
James Donnel	Ensign	Feby 7th
Ebenr Sumner	1st Lieut	July 15th
Edward Carter	2d Lieut	July 15th
Andrew Lemercier, jur	1st Lieut	July 15th

Commissions in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment, whereof Samuel Williard, Esqr, is Colonel.

Samuel Willard, Esqr	Colonel & Capt	1st Compy	Feby 19th, 1744
Thomas Chandler, Esqr	Lieut Colo & Capt	2d Compy	Feby 9th
Seth Pomroy	Major & Capt	3rd Compy	Feby 24th
Joshua Peirce	Capt	1st Compy	Feby 18th
John Warner	Capt	4th Compy	Feby 18th
David Melvin	Capt	5th Compy	Feby 15th
Palmer Goulding	Capt	6th Compy	Feby 15th
James Stevens	Capt	7th Compy	Feby 13th
John Huston	Capt	8th Compy	Feby 15th
Jos. Miller	Capt	9th Compy	Feby 16th
Jabez Omstead	Capt	10th Compy	Feby 20th
Abijah Willard	Lieut	1st Compy	Feby 18th
John Payson	Lieut	2d Compy	Feby 9th
Ebenr Alexander	Lieut	3rd Compy	March 9th
Jos. Whitcomb	Lieut	4th Compy	Feby 18th
Eliezer Melvin	Lieut	5th Compy	Feby 15th
John Sternes	Lieut	6th Compy	Feby 15th
Timo Johnson	Lieut	7th Compy	
Reuben King	Lieut	8th Compy	Feby 15th
Saml Chandler	Lieut	9th Compy	Feby 20th
James Fry	Lieut	10th Compy	Feby 13th
Jona Trumball	Ensign	1st Compy	Feby 18th
David King	Ensign	2d Compy	Feby 9th
Wm Lyman	Ensign	3rd Compy	March 9th
Wm Hutchins	Ensign	4th Compy	Feby 18th
Isaac Barran	Ensign	5th Compy	Feby 15th
Nathl Payson	Ensign	6th Compy	Feby 15th
	Ensign	7th Compy	
Benja Shelden	Ensign	8th Compy	Feby 21st
John Man	Ensign	9th Compy	Feby 20th
	Ensign	10th Compy	
Jona Hubbard	Adjutant		Feby 18th
John Hamilton	Lieutenant		Feby 20th

Name.	Quality. Afterwards		Date.
John Terry	Capt Lieu^{t}		Feby 19th, 1744
Tahon Grant	Ensign		Feby 20th
Eben^{r} Alexander	Capt	3rd Comp^{y}	July 13th, 1745
Jno Man	1st Lieu^{t}		July 13th
Benajah Austin	2^{d} Lieu^{t}		July 13th
Eph^{m} Hayward	1st Lieu^{t}		July 26th
John Bell	2^{d} Lieu^{t}		July 26th
Abijah Willard	Capt Lieu^{t}	1st Comp^{y}	July 31st
Levi Willard	2^{d} Lieu^{t}	1st Comp^{y}	July 31st

Commissions in the Fifth Massachusetts Regiment, whereof Robert Hale, Esqr, is Colonel.

Robert Hale, Esqr	Colonel		
Edward Eveleth, Esqr	Lt Col^{o} & Capt of the 2^{d} Comp^{y}		Feby 7th, 1744
Moses Titcomb, Esqr	Major & Capt 3rd Comp^{y}		Feby 7th
	Capt	4th Comp^{y}	
Jonathan Bagly	Capt	5th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Jereh Foster	Capt	6th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Saml Davis	Capt	7th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Thos Staniford	Capt	8th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Charles Byles	Capt	9th Comp^{y}	Feby 12th
	Capt	10th Comp^{y}	
Benj^{a} Ives	Capt Lieu^{t}	1st Comp^{y}	
Danl Tilton	Lieu^{t}	Second Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Saml Greenough	Lieu^{t}	3rd Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
	Lieu^{t}	4th Comp^{y}	
Caleb Swan	Lieu^{t}	5th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Danl Giddens	Lieu^{t}	6th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Isaac Annis	Lieu^{t}	7th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
	Lieu^{t}	8th Comp^{y}	
Saml Morgan	Lieu^{t}	9th Comp^{y}	Feby 12th
	Lieu^{t}	10th Comp^{y}	
	2^{d} Lieu^{t}	1st Comp^{y}	
Daniel Eveleigh	Ensign	2^{d} Comp^{y}	
Beamsly Glazier	Ensign	3rd Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
	Ensign	4th Comp^{y}	
Jos. Frye	Ensign	5th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Jos. Goodhue	Ensign	6th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
John Rowe	Ensign	7th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
John Rust	Ensign	8th Comp^{y}	Feby 7th
Jos. Stanwood	Ensign	9th Company	Feby 12th

Name.	Quality.		Date.
	Ensign	10th Compy	
Benja White	Adjutant		March 16th
Ebenezer Prout	Commissary		Feby 7th, 1744
	Afterwards		
Beamsly Glazier	Captain		Augt 8th, 1745
Daniel Eveleigh	Capt Lieut		Augt 8th
Josiah Martin	Lieut		Feby 7th

Commissions in the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, whereof Sylvester Richmond, junr, Esqr, is Colonel.

Sylvester Richmond, junr, Esqr	Colo & Capt	1st Company	Feby 6th, 1744
	Lieut Colo		
	Major		
Robert Swan	Capt	4th Compy	Feby 13th
Ebenr Eastman	Capt	5th Compy	Feby 6th
Cornl Sole	Capt	6th Compy	Feby 8th
Jona Lawrence	Capt	7th Compy	Feby 5th
	Capt	8th Compy	
Ebenr Nichols	Capt	9th Compy	Feby 6th
Jere. Weston	Capt	10th Compy	Feby 12
Nathl Bosworth	Capt Lt	1st Compy	Feby 6th
	Capt Lt	2d Compy	
	Capt Lt	3rd Compy	
Thos Waldron	Lieut	4th Compy	Feby 13th
Jona Roberts	Lieut	5th Compy	Feby 6th
James Griffin	Lieut	6th Compy	Feby 8th
Thos Moorey	Lieut	7th Compy	Feby 7th
Wm Trefry	Lieut	8th Compy	Feby 7th
Edwd Pratt	Lieut	9th Compy	Feby 13th
Jos. Clark	Lieut	10th Compy	Feby 20th
	2d Lieut	2d Compy	
	2d Lieut	3rd Compy	
Edwd Gray	Lieut	1st Compy	Feby 6th
Seth Hathaway	Lieut	1st Compy	Feby 6th
Jereh Prebble	Ensign	4th Compy	Feby 13th
John Webster	Ensign	5th Compy	Feby 6th
Jos. Brown	Ensign	6th Compy	Feby 8th
Nathl Smith	Ensign	7th Compy	Feby 15th
John Finney	Ensign	8th Compy	Feby 12th
Grover Scolley	Ensign	9th Compy	Feby 13th
Benja Esterbrook	Ensign	10th Compy	Feby 20th

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Madet Engs	Adjutant	March 14th
Nath[l] Walter	Chaplain	March 11th
Benj[a] Williams	Ensign in Col. Pitts's Company	Feb[y] 9th, 1744

Commissions in the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment, whereof Shubael Gorham, Esq[r], is Colonel.

Shubael Gorham, Esq[r]	Col[o] & Cap[t]	1st Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th, 1744
John Gorham, Esq[r]	Lieu[t] Col[o] & Cap[t]	2d Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
Jos. Thatcher	Cap[t]	3rd Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
Edw[d] Dimmock	Cap[t]	1st Comp[y]	Feb[y] 15th
Elisha Doan	Cap[t]	4th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
	Cap[t]	5th Comp[y]	
Silvanus Cobb	Cap[t]	6th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 13th
Israel Bayley	Cap[t]	7th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Gershom Bradford	Cap[t]	8th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Jon[a] Carey	Cap[t]	9th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Sam[l] Lumbart	Cap[t]	10th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
	Cap[t] L[t]	2d Comp[y]	
Nath[l] Fish	Lieu[t]	1st Comp[y]	Feb[y] 15th
Josh. Freeman	Lieu[t]	3rd Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Theophilus Paine	Lieu[t]	4th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
	Lieu[t]	5th Comp[y]	
Sam[l] Bartlet	Lieu[t]	6th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 13th
Jos. Lawrence	Lieu[t]	7th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 5th
Jon[a] Loring	Lieu[t]	8th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Nath[l] Bourne	Lieu[t]	9th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Peter West	Lieu[t]	10th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
	2d Lieu[t]	2d Comp[y]	
Silvanus Hall	Ensign	1st Comp[y]	March 2d
Joshua Bassett	Ensign	3rd Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
W[m] Clark	Ensign	4th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
	Ensign	5th Comp[y]	
Nath[l] Bosworth	Ensign	6th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 13th
Jon[a] Eames	Ensign	7th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Caleb Cook	Ensign	8th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Jon[a] Carver	Ensign	9th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 14th
Jos. Manter	Ensign	10th Comp[y]	Feb[y] 20th
Mat[w] Lumbart	Adjutant		April 12th
	Afterwards		
Elisha Doane, Ju[r]	Ensign		November 28th 1745

Commissions granted by Governour Shirley at Louisbourg.

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Wm Paine	Lieu^t^	4th Nov^r^, 1745
Caleb Hamlin	Ensign	4th Nov^r^
Stephen Hall	Lieu^t^	4th Nov^r^
John Faxon	Ensign	4th Nov^r^
Melatiah Bourne, Ju.	Captain	27th Nov^r^
Ditto	a Brevett Captain	March 30th, 1745

Commissions in the New Hampshire Regiment, whereof Samuel Moore, Esqr, is Colonel.

Samuel Moore, Esqr	Col^o^ & Capt	1st Company	March 1st, 1744
Nathl Meserve, Esqr	Lieu^t^ Col^o^ & Capt	2^d^ Comp^y^	March 1st
Ezekiel Gilman, Esqr	Maj^r^ & Capt	3rd Comp^y^	March 1st
John Tufton Mason	Capt of a Company		March 1st
Willm Seaward	Capt D^o^		March 1st
John Furnell	Capt		March 1st
Saml Hale	Capt		March 1st
Jacob Tilton	Capt		March 1st
Edward Williams	Capt		March 1st
James Whidden	Capt L^t^	1st Comp^y^	March 1st
Thos Westbrook Waldron	Capt L^t^	2^d^ Comp^y^	March 1st
Moses Wingate	Lieu^t^		March 1st
Ezekiel Pitman	Lieu^t^ is an Ensign		March 1st
Richd Mattoon	Lieu^t^		March 1st
Saml Robie	Lieu^t^		March 1st
John Flagg	Lieu^t^		March 1st
Eliph^s^ Daniel	Lieu^t^		March 1st
Jere. Wheelwright	Lieu^t^		March 1st
Saml Leavitt	2^d^ Lieu^t^	1st Comp^y^	March 1st
Clement Ham	Ensign		March 1st
John Hart	Ensign is a Lieu^t^		March 1st
Robert Perkins	Ensign		March 1st
Edmond Brown	Ensign		March 1st
Christ^o^ Huntriss	Ensign		March 1st
Thos Pickering	Ensign		March 1st
Edward Brooks	Ensign		March 1st
John Eyre	Adjutant		March 1st
Joseph Sherburn	Capt of a Company		June 6th
Trueworthy Dudly	Capt Lieu^t^		March 1st

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Sam[l] Connor	2[d] Lieu[t]	March 1st
Daniel Wormall	Ensign	March 1st
Jon[a] Gilman	Lieu[t] of Marines	April 15th
Abraham Trefethen	Cap[t] of a C[o] of Marines	April 15th
	Afterwards	
John Light	Captain	June 20th, 1745
Jeremiah Veasey	Ensign	June 20th
Jon[a] Prescot	Captain	June 20th
Ezekiel Worthen	Ensign	June 20th
Samuel Hale	Major	October 17th
John Flagg	Captain	Jan[y] 19th
Nath[l] Fellows	Captain	Octob[r] 17th
W[m] Earl Treadwell	1st Lieu[t] Col[o] Moore's Comp[y]	Aug[t] 9th
Edmond Brown	1st Lieu[t] Cap[t] Williams' Comp[y]	July 10th
Ezekiel Worthen	1st Lieu[t] Cap[t] Prescot's Comp[y]	Aug[t] 10th
Jeremiah Veasey	1st Lieu[t] Cap[t] Light's Comp[y]	Nov[r] 1st
Thomas Newmarch	1st Lieu[t] Col[o] Meserve's C[o]	Aug[t] 10th
John Loggin	Ensign Cap[t] Sherburn's C[o]	July 16th
Benj[a] Bunker	Ensign Cap[t] Hale's C[o]	Aug[t] 10th
Joseph Weare	Ensign Cap[t] Prescot's C[o]	Aug[t] 10th
John Flagg	Ensign Cap[t] Seaward's C[o]	July 9th
Joshua Winslow	1st Lieu[t] Cap[t] Sherburn's C[o]	Sept[r] 3rd
Tho[s] Tufts	Ensign & Qua[r] Master	March 1st, 1744
Nat[l] Meserve, ju[r]	1st Lieu[t]	Aug[t] 1st, 1745
John Wise	Cap[t] Marines	April 15th
George Meserve	Captain	June 20th
Nath[l] Fellows	Lieu[t]	June 20th
Ezek[l] Pitman	Ensign	June 20th
Zach. Forse	Captain	March 1st, 1744
Tho[s] Newmarch	Ensign	March 1st
Philip Yeaton	Ensign	April 15th, 1745
Sam[l] White	2[d] Lieu[t]	March 1st, 1744
Eben[r] Wright	Ensign	April 15th, 1745
Joseph Philbrick	Ensign	Octo[r] 10th

Commissions in the Connecticut Regiment, whereof William Burr, Esqr, is Colonel.

Name.	Quality	Date.
Andrew Burr, Esqr	Colonel	March 16th, 1744
Simon Lothrop, Esqr	Lieu^t^ Col^o^ & Capt of a Comp^y^	March 1st
Eleazer Goodrich	Major	June 3rd, 1745
David Worster	Capt of a Comp^a^	March 16th
Henry King	Capt	June 3rd
Wm Whiting	Capt	March 16th
Danl Chapman	Capt	March 16th
Robert Dennison	Capt	March 16th
Andrew Ward	Capt	March 16th
James Church	Capt	March 16th
Stephen Lee	Capt	March 16th
Nath Beedle	Lieu^t^	March 16th
Saml Torrey	Lieu^t^	June 3rd
Willm Throope	Lieu^t^	March 16th
Noah Taylor	Lieu^t^	March 16th
David Seabury	Lieu^t^	March 16th
Wm Smithson	Lieu^t^	March 16th
Saml Pettibone	Lieu^t^	June 14th
Jon^a^ Reed	Lieu^t^	June 14th
Nathl Whiting	Ensign	March 16th
Jno Hogskins	Ensign	April 12th
Jos. Wait	Ensign	June 14th
Jno Huntingdon	Ensign	March 16th
Jon^a^ Darling	Ensign	March 16th
Christ^o^ Tracey	Ensign	March 16th
Jonathan Noble	Ensign	June 14th
Thos Leeds	Ensign	June 3rd
	Afterwards	
Simon Lothrop	Colonel	October 29th, 1745
Eleazer Goodrich	Lieu^t^ Col^o^	Oct^o^ 29th
David Seabury	Capt 4th Comp^y^	Decr 7th, 1745
Adonijah Fitch	Capt	May 30th
Ezek^l^ Ashley	Lieu^t^	May 30th
John Parker	Ensign	May 30th
Nathl Lothrop	Lieu^t^ Col^o^ Lothrop's Comp^y^	Decem^r^ 12th
Daniel Chapman	Major	Decr 2^d^
Nathl Whiting	Lieu^t^ 4th Comp^y^	Decr 9th

Name.	Quality.	Date.
John Darling	Lieu^{t}	Decr 10th
Wm Throop	Captain	Jany 16th
Normand Morrison	2^{d} Lieu^{t} Major's Comp^{y}	Decr 13th
Zachariah Hubbell	Ensign	Feby 3rd
Saml Gaylord	Ensign	Feby 4th
John Hurlburt	Lieu^{t}	Decr 12th
Samuel Chapman	Captain	May 30th, 1745
Jabez Barlow	Lieu^{t}	May 30th,
Ephraim Parrish	Ensign	May 30th

Commissions in the Eighth Massachusetts Regiment, whereof John Choate, Esqr, is Colonel.

John Choate, Esqr	Colonel & first Captain	June 1st, 1745
Wm Williams, Esqr	Lieu^{t} Col^{o} & 2^{d} Captn	
Nathl Thwing, Esqr	Major & 3rd Capt	
Ebenezer Edmunds	Captain	June 20th, 1745
Oliver Howard	Captain	June 21st
John Baker	Captain	
Wm Allen	Captain	June 22^{d}
Saml Curwin	Capt Lieu^{t}	June 22^{d}
Charles Doolittle	Capt Lieu^{t}	June 22^{d}
Ebenezer Fisher	Capt Lieu^{t}	
Thomas Chinna	Lieu^{t}	June 20th
James Smith	Lieu^{t}	June 21st
Henry Putnam	Lieu^{t}	
Joseph Stockman	Lieu^{t}	June 22^{d}
Joseph Waite	Lieu^{t}	June 22^{d}
Nathl Herriman	Ensign	June 22^{d}
Ebenezer Kellogg	Ensign	June 22^{d}
Eleazer Ellis	Ensign	
Moses Loyon	Ensign	June 20th
Joseph Johnson	Ensign	June 21st
Nathl Pike	Ensign	
Obediah Perry	Ensign	June 22^{d}
John Miller	Ensign	June 22^{d}
	Afterwards	
Thomas Pike	Adjutant	June 20th, 1745

Commissions granted by Govr Shirley at Louisbourg.

Thomas Pike	Capt Lieu^{t}	
Thomas Cheney	Captain	
Obadiah Perry	Lieu^{t}	

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Thoˢ Colby	Ensign	
Archelaus Dale	Ensign	
Ebenʳ Smeed	Ensign	

Commissions in the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, whereof Joseph Dwight, Esqʳ, is Colonel.

Jos. Dwight, Esqʳ	Colº & Capᵗ of yᵉ 1ˢᵗ Compʸ	June 18th
Nathˡ Thomas	Lᵗ Colº & Capᵗ 1ˢᵗ Compʸ	June 19th
Samˡ Gardner	Majʳ & Capᵗ 3ʳᵈ Compʸ	July 6th, 1745
George Morey	Captain	June 3rd, 1745
Caleb Johnson	Captain	
Isaac Colton	Captain	
Ephraim Wetherly	Captain	
Peter Hunt	Captain	
Gersham Davis	Captain	
Thoˢ Dotey	Captain	
Joseph Stanley	Lieuᵗ	
Augustus Moore	Lieuᵗ	
Ebenezer Hitchcock	Lieuᵗ	June 28th, 1745
John Longley	Lieuᵗ	
John Blowers	Lieuᵗ	July 5th
James Hildnick	Lieuᵗ	
Samuel Jackson	Ensign	
Daniel Shepherdson	Ensign	
Thoˢ Richardson, juʳ	Ensign	
David Smith	Ensign	June 28th
Samuel Hunt	Ensign	
Jonᵃ Smith	Ensign	
Ebenʳ Davis	Ensign	
Sebastian Zouberbhuler	Adjutant	June 26th
Ditto	Commissary	June 26th
	Afterwards	
Thomas Doty	Captain	Novʳ 28th, 1745
Thomas Jones	2ᵈ Lieuᵗ	Sepᵗ 25th

Commissions in the Train of Artillery sent from the Massachusetts Province.

Joseph Dwight, Esqʳ	Colonel	Febʸ 20th, 1744
Richᵈ Gridley, Esqʳ	Lᵗ Colº Capᵗ of yᵉ Train & Commissary	Febʸ 21ˢᵗ March 20th

NAME.	QUALITY.	DATE.
Abraham Reller	2d Capt & Chief Bombardier	Feby 21st & Feby 16th
Thos Campling	1st Lieut	Feby 21st
Barthe Green	2d Lieut	Feby 21st
Joseph Chadwick	3rd Lieut	Feby 21st
Joseph Holbrook	4th Lieut	Feby 21st
John Gorman	1st Under Bombardier	Feby 20th
Charles Pyncheon	Adjutant	March 20th
Joseph Howley	Chaplain	March 10th
	Afterwards	
Thos Campling	2d Captain	July 21st
Thos Campling	Captain	Augt 17th
Richd Jones	Lieut	July 21st
Richd Jones	1st Lieut	Augt 17th
Joseph Sherburn	Storekeeper of his Majts Ordnance	Decr 1st, 1745
Ebenr Prout	Assistant & First Clark	Decr 1st
Richd Jones	Captain	Jany 10th, 1745
	Commissions.	
John Henry Bastide, Esqr	Principal Engineer	June 3rd, 1745
Robert Glover, Esqr	Adjutant General	March 10th, 1744
Wm Macintire	Quarter Master General	March 20th
Edward Ellis, Esqr	Surgn Genl of ye Massa troops	Feby 19th
Joseph Peirce, Esqr	Surgn Genl of ye New Hamp troops & naval force	March 1st
Robert Keith	2d Surgn Genl of ye Massa troops	March 20th
John Kinselagh	Agent for the transports	March 10th
John Gorman	Principal Armourer	Feby 1st
Thos Waldo	Muster Master	March 7th
Nathl Walter	Interpreter	March 22d
Andrew Lemercier, jur	Ditto	March 7th
Saml Rhodes	Aid de Camp	May 1st
Saml Waldo, jur	Aid de Camp	
William Winslow	Commissarys	Feby 19th
Saml Waldo, jur	Commissarys	Feby 2d
Melatiah Bourne	Commissarys	Feby 20th
George Curwin	Commissarys	Feby 21st

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Jeremiah Miller, jur	Commissary of provisions & muster rolls of ye Connecticut Regt	March 14th
Andrew Lemercier, jur	General Clark	June 10th, 1745
Ditto	Agent Transports' Clark	March 18th, 1744
Edward Paine	Master of the baggage	March 19th
Alexander Bulman	Surgeons	
William Rand		Feby 4th, 1744
Jos. Binney		March 9th
Anthº Emery		Feby 10th
Philip Goffers Cost		Feby 20th
Gillam Taylor		Feby 19th
Charles Pyncheon	Surgn General's Mate	March 10th
Jos. Lebarro	Under Surgeon	Feby 19th
Jacob March	Ditto	March 4th
Michael Lowell	Ditto	March 18th
Jona Prescott	Ditto to Surgn Genl	March 19th
James Oliver	Ditto to Ditto	March 19th
	House Carpenters.	
Mathew Barnard	Captain	March 16th, 1744
James Perpoint	2d Captain	March 11th
Andrew Brown	Lieut	March 11th
Edward Paine	Capt of an Independant Compy of Grenadiers	Feby 19th, 1744
Richd Abbot	1st Lieut	Feby 19th
George Hanners	2d Lieut	Feby 19th
Moses Bennett	Cap of ye sloop Bonetta in the pay of ye Massachusetts	March 18th, 1744
John Prentice	Capt of the sloop Defence in the pay of Connecticutt	March 19th, 1744
Edward Brooks	1st Lieut of ye sloop Abigail in the pay of New Hamp.	March 1st, 1744
	Breveits.	
Wm Macintire	Major	March 22d, 1744
Joseph Goldthwait	Captain	March 20th
Robert Glover	Captain	March 19th
Saml Waldo, jur	Captain	March 23rd

Name.	Quality.	Date.
Andrew Lemercier, jur	Lieut	Febr 5th
Andrew Pepperrell Frost	Lieut	
Benjn Green	Secretary of ye expedition	March 1st
Charles Frost	2d Secretary	March 1st
	For Courts Marshall.	
John Choate, Esqr	Judge Advocate General	July 23rd, 1745
Joseph Greenleaf	Marshall	July 23rd, 1745
Joseph Sherburne	By warrant from the General to command the Advance Battery	May 17th, 1745

Commissions to the following gentlemen to be Captains of Marines, to be employed on shoar in the expedition, vizt.

Agnew Kemperfield Jacob Knight Bennett Winch		Dated May 25th, 1745
Geo. Swiney Saml Prosser James Hachet Alexr Hatfield Wm Piers		Dated 12th June
Richd Nugent Christo Jephson Wm Cosby	Lieutenants	May 5th, 1745

Commissions given by P. Warren, Esqr, in conjunction wth W. Pepperrell Esqr.

Joseph Dwight, Esqr	Judge	of a Court of Admiralty.
John Choat, Esqr	Judge Advocate	
Benjn Green, Esqr	Register	June 20th, 1745
Wm Winslow, Esqr	Marshall	
	Commissions.	
John Bradstreet, Esqr	Town Majr of ye City and fortresses of Louisbourg	June 18th, 1745
Joseph Richardson	Captn of the sloop Resolution	July 1st, 1745
James Monk	Aid de Camp to ye Genl	June 10th, 1745

Name.	Quality.	Date.
	Company of Artificers.	
Daniel Hills	Captain	July 11th, 1745
Wm Reddington	Lieut	July 11th, 1745
Jos. Wakefield	Ensn	July 11th
Robt Clark	Ensign	July 11th
Jo^{s} Wakefield	Lieut	Novr 20th, 1745
Mathew Thornton	Under Surgn Richmond's Regimt	March 1st, 1745
Wm Hay	Surgn Hale's Regiment	
Wm Hay, jur	Undr Surgn Choate's Regimt	July 11th, 1745
Tristrum Noyes	Undr Surgn Moulton's Regt	July 26th
John Manning	Surgn	June 7th
Saml Chapman	Armourer	June 20th
Wm Rogers	Commissary	June 22d
Revd Mr Stepn Williams	Chaplain	
James March	Chief Surgeon	March 26th, 1746
James Oliver	Surgeon Waldo's Regt	March 10th, 1745
Commissions granted by Govr Shirley at Louisbourg.		
John Bradstreet	Town Major, Commandant of the city & fortifications of Louisbourg	June 20th, 1745
George Scott	Barrack Master	Sepr 20th

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS.

Cape Breton, May 24, 1745.

We the subscribers do hereby volunterily enlist ourselves into his Majesty's service to be under the command of Daniel Bacon, to go upon a attact against the Island Battery.*

Daniel Bacon.	James Owen.
Joseph Winchel.	William Murffe.
Stephen Root.	John Bucknam.
Zachariah Walker.	William Mills.
Eliakim Winchel.	James Clemmens.

* The names of the subscribers are all in one handwriting. — Eds.

JOHN SACKET.	JOHN DAVIS.
EZEKIEL QUARTERS.	JONATHAN BOYCE.
RUBEN NEGRO.	JACOB MARBLE.
SAM^{LL} GREEN.	STEPHEN KELLOGG.
ZEBEDIAH STIELS.	WILLIAM KELLOGG.
JOSHUA PONDER.	THOMAS RICHARDSON.
ISREAL DAVIS.	JONATHAN TAYLOR.
JOSIAH NASH.	DENNIS DUNNAHUE.
ISAAC BROWN.	DARBY CROWLY.
DAVID KINTETH.	WILLIAM SMITH.
DAVID TARBIL.	GERSHOM JONES.
PHINEAS BACON.	BENJ^{A} PIERCE.
DAVID DURANT.	JOHN TOWSLEY.
JOHN PARKER.	JOHN CITTERN.
JAMES KANADY.	ISAAC COMMINGS.
NATHANIEL DIKE.	THOMAS DIXSON.

We whose names are undar writtain enlisted ourselves voluntaryly to go on ye attack of the Island Battary at the mouth of the harbour of Louisburgh, provided Beamsly Glaizer is our Capt on s^{d} attack, and then we shall be ready att half an hour's warning.*

BEAMSLY GLAIZER	RIC^{D} SEADON
SAM. KNAP	WILL^{M} PERKINS
RIC^{D} CARR	JOSEPH CHENEY
NATH^{L} MARCH	ANDREW ROIN
MARTIN AYER	JOHN WELES
JAMES BEAVERLY	RIC^{D} TALER
SAM^{L} LOWELL	PETER SANDERSON
BENJ^{A} SWETT	HA. ALLAN
JOHN COUCH	TIMOTHY DAVIS
MOSES HOYT	PHILLIP ABBOT
OLIVER GOODRIDGE	EBEN^{R} HARRIS
GILES HARRIS	JOHN BROWN
PHILLIP MARCH	WILL^{M} STANWOOD
DANIEL PLUMER	NATH^{L} GRANT
JOSEPH ROWELL	NATH HOVEY
ELIPHELET NOYES	JOHN TOOD
THO^{S} BORDMAN	EBEN^{R} BEAL
BENJ^{A} WOODMAN	DAVID DUSTON

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* This agreement is without date, but probably it was drawn up in May, 1745. Beamsly Glazier was commissioned Ensign in the third company of the Fifth Massachusetts regiment in Feb., 1744–5, and was commissioned Captain in August. See ante, pp. 504, 505. — EDS.

NEHEMIAH BROWN
BENJ^A COLE
SAM^L HOLLIDAY
ANTHONY POTTER
SAM^L HODGSKINS

Acco^t what paid towards wooding ye Garrison of Louisbourg.

Anno 1745		Dr.
15 Sept^r	To paid Mark Haskall loading ye Sloop Dolphin with wood	3 „ — „ —
	To paid Lazarus Sampson	1 „ 4 „ —
	To ditto John Wise	11 „ 10 „ 3
	To ditto Benj^a Follet	1 „ 4 „ —
	To ditto Jacob Marston	1 „ 9 „ 3
	To ditto Joseph Grenleafe	7 „ 13 „ —
	To ditto Benj^a Williams	22 „ 7 „ —
	To ditto Thomas Stevens	2 „ 12 „ 6
	To ditto Benj^a Chadwell	7 „ 16 „ —
	To ditto Josiah Martin	4 „ 1 „ —
	To ditto Thomas Stanford	4 „ 16 „ —
	To ditto Robe t Becket	2 „ 14 „ —
	To ditto Thomas Chittenden	3 „ — „ —
	To ditto John Storer	14 „ 11 „ 3
	To ditto Saml Dogget	4 „ 7 „ —
	To ditto Lazarus Sampson	2 „ 1 „ —
	To ditto Amos Hovey	2 „ 18 „ 6
	To ditto Jon^a Hart	12 „ 7 „ 6
	To ditto Saml Hatch	3 „ 13 „ 6
	To ditto Joseph Smith	2 „ 9 „ 6
	To ditto William Durgon	5 „ 6 „ 6
	To ditto John Smith	6 „ 4 „ 6
	To ditto Eze^l Ashly	1 „ 10 „ —
	To ditto William Redington	2 „ 5 „ —
	To ditto	1 „ 13 „ 9
	To ditto Nathl Newman	10 „ 16 „ —
	To ditto John Lovet	8 „ 5 „ —
	To ditto Joseph Lovet	1 „ 16 „ —
	To ditto Adonijah Fitch	3 „ 9 „ 9
	To ditto John Wise	1 „ 16 „ 9
	To ditto Edward Stow	7 „ 17 „ 6
	To ditto Saml Lincoln	2 „ 2 „ —
	To ditto Henry Oliver	3 „ 13 „ 6
	To ditto Samuel Lincoln	„ 12 „ —
	To ditto John Stephenson	„ 15 „ —

To ditto	1 „	16 „ —
To ditto Jon[a] Davis	1 „	10 „ —
To ditto Joseph Taffany		„ 15 „ —
To Commissions for receiving & paying y[e] above	8 „	17 „ 11
Errors Except[d]	£186 „	17 „ 5

℔ W[m] Pepperrell.

Acco[t] of Labour paid for in y[e] Citty of Louisbourg.

Anno 1745		Dr.
19 Sept[r]. To paid Joseph Sherburn's Acco[t]	12 „	9 „ —
To ditto Daniel Herrick	1 „	1 „ —
To ditto Charles King	6 „	— „ —
To ditto Nath[l] Harriman	3 „	1 „ 6
To ditto Joseph Sherburn	5 „	12 „ 6
To ditto Leonard Hoar	1 „	1 „ —
To ditto John Bruer, Nath[l] Woodward, & Josiah Marshal	18 „	2 „ 3
To ditto John Card	3 „	15 „ —
To ditto Daniel Shipardson		„ 18 „ —
To ditto John Sweet	16 „	13 „ —
To ditto Joseph Sherburn	4 „	17 „ 6
To ditto Josiah Hovey	2 „	14 „ —
To ditto Aaron Boynton & Daniel Pearce	3 „	— „ —
To ditto Joseph Wakefeild	14 „	3 „ 10
To ditto Joseph Sherburn	9 „	17 „ — ½
To ditto John Vane	1 „	8 „ 6
To ditto Barth[o] Green	2 „	14 „ 9
To ditto	9 „	17 „ —
To ditto Benj[a] Merrill	3 „	18 „ —
To ditto Edward Evelith	7 „	8 „ 6
To ditto Jon[a] Davis	2 „	10 „ —
To ditto Epherim Town	1 „	16 „ —
To ditto Francis Perkins		„ 15 „ —
To ditto Eb. Thomas	4 „	7 „ —
To ditto Aaron Boyinton	12 „	— „ —
To ditto John Robertson	3 „	— „ —
To Commissions for receiving & paying y[e] above	7 „	13 „ — ½
Errors Except[d]	£160 „	13 „ 5

℔ W[m] Pepperrell.

Acct what paid Laborrs, &c., for repairs of the Fortifications & Houses in Louisbourg.

Anno 1745				Dr.
15 Septr	To paid John Blowers his Accot . . .	£11	3	1½
	To ditto	9	8	3
	To ditto Saml Morgan		16	6
	To ditto Thomas Gilbert	7	2	6
	To ditto Richard Cobb	4	12	6
	To ditto Joseph Farebank	8	9	6
	To ditto	11	8	—
	To ditto Joel Whittemore	14	5	1½
	To ditto Joseph Webber	9	4	6
	To ditto James Fry	7	4	—
	To ditto Theophilus Paine	6	9	4½
	To ditto	4	17	6
	To ditto Ebenezer Kellogg	11	12	6
	To ditto William Trop	6	12	9
	To ditto David Seabury	6	13	—
	To ditto	10	5	6
	To ditto Joseph Newall	25	5	1½
	To ditto Thomas Hincher	14	13	7½
	To ditto	23	13	7½
	To ditto James Fry	8	17	—
	To ditto John Blowers	10	13	—
	To ditto James Fry	7	13	9
	To ditto Joseph Larence	8	5	—
	To ditto Joseph Fairbank	8	15	6
	To ditto William Reddington	6	1	7½
	To ditto Ezel Gilman	9	1	6
	To ditto	17	14	9
	To ditto Thomas Newmarch	19	6	8
	To ditto John Blowers	11	18	6
	To ditto Theophilus Paine	2	6	6
	To ditto Benja Williams	7	14	6
	To ditto John Goreham	8	8	—
	To ditto William Jerman	8	9	6
	To ditto Jona Cary	5	5	—
	To ditto Wm Reddington	65	18	3
	To ditto Joseph Wakefeild	28	16	—
	To ditto Abijah Willard	17	19	3
	To ditto John Gage	20	16	6
	To ditto Joseph Fairebank	27	11	3

To ditto John Light	22 „ 8 „ 6
To ditto John Goreham	4 „ 15 „ 3
To ditto Joseph Newall	21 „ 11 „ 7½
To ditto	26 „ 15 „ 6
To ditto	22 „ 14 „ 1½
To ditto ye monthly accot of ye 4th of Octobr	313 „ 15 „ 2½
To ditto Wm Jarmon	7 „ 4 „ —
To ditto Robert Clerk	5 „ 17 „ —
To ditto Nathl Harriman	9 „ 6 „ —
To ditto John Halbert £39 „ 6 „ 0; ditto £26 „ 2 „ 0; ditto £43 „ 4 „ 0; ditto £37 „ 16 „ 0; brot into new tenr . .	36 „ 12 „ —
To ditto Elisha Strong	11 „ 11 „ —
To ditto Colle John Goreham for Jo's Lawrence	7 „ 8 „ 6
To ditto Richd Cobb	6 „ 9 „ —
To ditto Daniel Reding	3 „ 4 „ 1½
To ditto Colle John Choate for Daniel Herrock	9 „ 9 „ 9
To ditto Henry Mountgomary	7 „ 14 „ 6
To ditto Daniel Hill	40 „ 2 „ 3
To ditto John Parlby	47 „ 1 „ 3
To ditto Theophilus Paine	6 „ 12 „ 3
To ditto Thomas Cobby & Daniel Lemprier	96 „ 17 „ 3
To ditto Edward Sweat	7 „ 16 „ 6
To ditto Seth Harvey	28 „ 18 „ 3
To ditto Obediah Perry	6 „ 13 „ 6
To ditto Octobr pay list	244 „ 12 „ 4½
To ditto Epherim Parrish	8 „ 9 „ 10½
To ditto William Jarmon	10 „ 1 „ —
To ditto Robert Clark	3 „ 1 „ 10½
To ditto Jons Noble	4 „ 2 „ 6
To ditto	8 „ 6 „ 6
To ditto Saml Kennedy	66 „ 4 „ 10½
	£1591 „ 5 „ 4½
To Commissions for receiving & paying ye above	79 „ 11 „ 2½
	£1670 „ 16 „ 7

Errors Excepted

℔ Wm Pepperrell.

Dr. *Disburstments at Louisbourg to Wm Pepperrell.* Cr.

Anno 1745.		Anno 1745	
To sundrys paid P Acco^t towards wooding the Garrison, as P ye orders & receipts.	186 „ 17 „ 5	By Province bills of Credit received of his Excellency Govr Shirley	2000 „ — „ —
To ditto to several Labor^m as P ye orders & receipts.	160 „ 13 „ 5	By ballance due to William Pepperrell	18 „ 7 „ 5
To ditto for ye repairs as P ye orders & receipts.	1670 „ 16 „ 7		
	£2018 „ 7 „ 5		£2018 „ 7 „ 5

Errors Except^d
P W^M PEPPERRELL.

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*The true state of Cap^tn Butler's company.**

Liev^t Peter Grant.	Married	11 children.
Ensign John Lewis.	Married	5 ditto
John Clerk.		
James Gerrish.		
Mikeil Woosom.		
John Murrey.		
Ichabod Tibits.		
James McCarriel.		
Sam^ll Grant.	Married	2 ditto
Sam^ll Jones.	Sick	
Nathan Goodwin.	Sick	

LOUISBOURG, Sep^tr ye 17th, 1745.

Cap^tn Butler gone home.
Centinels 9.

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* Another list among the Pepperrell Papers, without date or indorsement, has the same names, with some variations in their spelling. Clerk is there given as Clark, Woosom as Woodsom, Murray as Mory, Tibits as Tibbets, and Jones as Jouns. To it is appended this petition: "May it plese y^r Hon^r, S^r, to consider these three following men, Jones & Goodwin, who are sick & will be uncapable this six weeks for doing any duty, & also Samuel Grant who hath a helpliss family att home & y^r Hon^r will greatly oblidge y^r humble petitioners, Peter Grant, Jno Lewis." Moses Butler was commissioned Captain of the seventh company in the First Massachusetts Regiment in Feb., 1744–5. The men here named were afterward transferred to Capt. Thomas Perkins of the eighth company. (See *post*, p. 527.) — EDS.

*A list of the men belonging to Capt John Harmon, in the General's regiment and thare circumstances, &c., Sep^{t} 17th, 1745. All in a frontier town.**

Jno Harmon, Capt	
Jo^{s} Weber, Serg^{t}	A married man, wth 6 children
Jo^{s} Cole	A married man, wth 5 children
Hugh Holeman	D^{o} wth 7 or 8 children
James Hays	D^{o} wth 4 or 5 D^{o}
Noah Penass	D^{o}
Moses Samoss	D^{o} wth 1 child
Joshua Ramsdill	Single man, being at ye point of death
Danl Young	Single man
Jno Gary	D^{o}
Paul Roach	D^{o}
John Wells	

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List of men in Moses Pearsons' company now in Louisbourg, the places of there abode & curcomstances. Sep^{t} the 17th, 1745.

Names.	Places of Abode.	Curcomstances.
Ensign James Springer	Falmouth	has a wife & severall small children ye eldest very yonge.
Sargent Axel Roberts	Do	An old man, unfit for duty.
Sarg^{t} Phillip Hodkins	Do	a large family of yong children; his two sons with him. Me.
Sarg^{t} Joshua Ilsley	Do	a single man; his affairs require him to be at home.
Cor^{ll} Jo^{s} Emerson	Do	Infirm & unfit for duty.
Cor^{ll} David Woodman	Do	These three with J. Ilsley all come out of one house and belong to one famaley.
Joshua Simpson	Do	
Ebenezer Lincoln	Do	
Sam^{ll} Clark	Do	Has a wife & children in poor curcomstances.
James Gilkey	Do	These two out of my famley.
Jo^{s} Thorn	Do	J. Thorn my servant & Gilkey by the year.
John Ayer	Do	Infirm & not fit for duty.
John Anderson	Do	A single man.
Jacob Clifford	Do	Sickly & unfit for duty.

* Several of these men were transferred to the company under the command of Capt. Thomas Perkins. (See *post*, p. 527.) — Eds.

Names.	Places of Abode.	Circumstances.
Moses Gould	Do	a printice; his master lives in the woods, exposed to the enemy.
Moses Hodkins	Do	Sons of Phillip Hodkins above.
Sam[ll] Hodkins	Do	
Sam[ll] Graves	Do	a very man. His poor father wants him very much at home.

A true copy Moses Pearson.

Non Off[rs] 5. Private men 12.

Luisburg, Septembr ye 18, 1745.

Inasmuch as we the subscribers have inlisted ourselves into his Maiesties serves under the comand of Coln[ll] W[m] Wiliams, we are content their to remain as long as we are obliged to tarry heir, and likewise air content to have Charls Doolittle for a Cap[t].*

Samuel Wells.	Ezra King.
Josias Wright.	Elias Lyman.
Daniel Warner.	W[m] Clark.
Oliver Standly.	Seth Kibey.
Benj[a] Rose.	Moses Field.
Benj[a] Fuler.	Leonard Hoar.
Joseph Weld.	Daniel Morgan.
Jonas King.	Timothy Baker.
Nath[ll] Wright.	Elkanah Burt.
Edward Church.	Benjamin Parsones.
Zack[s] Long.	Samuel Hawley.
Tho's Crisson.	Stephen Clark.

A state of Cap[t] John Kinslagh's company, as follows:

Cap[t] Jn° Kinslagh, Lieu[t] Jephson, Ens[n] Cavender } Officers.

Patrick Gibbins, W[m] Moor } Family in Boston Serg[ts].

Abr[m] Martin, Jn° MacVicker } Family in Walpole, Family in N. England.

Rich[d] Butler, Jn° MacShee } Corporals.

Bartholomey Crawley, Drumer.

W[m] Dunkin, Clark.

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* Some of the signatures to this paper are apparently autographs. — Eds.

Barnaby Archdacon Larrence Alen	} Corporals.
Private	
Richd Butler.	
Geo Baily.	
Patrick Brett.	
Jno Blake.	
Patrick Duffey.	
Jno Fowll.	Indian, and a family in Walpole.
Jno Grimes.	
Jas Gaivl.	
Richd Linch.	Family in Boston.
Thos Mahoney.	
David Neal.	
Thos Poor.	
Jno Peek.	
Jas Pitomy.	
Robert Reed.	
Ebenezr Thomas.	Family in Boston.
Alexr Tully.	
Thos Carey.	
Danl Maccaffe.	
Pierce Welch.	
Jas Welch.	
Michael Whittey.	
Mourice Douley.	
Stephen Kinsley.	Family in Boston.
Danl MacNamarra.	
Thos Moloney.	
Charles Wild.	
Wm Tedder.	Family in Boston, and gone home.
Wm Nichols.	Dead.
Thos Tracy.	Dead.
Thos Williams.	Run away.
Prince Nier. Jno Ranolds.	} Run away.

Lovisbourg, Septr 20th, 1745.

Jno Kinselagh.*

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* A subsequent list, Oct. 24, 1745, omits a few of the names here given, and corrects the spelling of others. In the later list Ensign Cavender is given in full Charles Cavanaugh, Wm Dunkin is Wm Duncan, Jas Gaivl is James Gaul, Danl Maccaffe is Danl McEfee. Some names are omitted, and the names of Jos. Davis, Gurnel Price, John Gardner, James Clarke, and Jno Blake are added. — Eds.

1745. *Septemb^r* 20. *The state of Capt Ephraim Baker's Company.*

Ephraim Baker, Capt.	Sick, has a familly in Boston.
Edward Braizer, Serg^t.	Sick, single, lives in Boston.
Joseph Collier, Serg^t.	Sick, has a familly in Hopkintown.
John Divine, Corporal.	Sick, has a familly in Hopkintown.
Gidieon Gould.	has a familly in Hopkintown
Phillip Pratt.	has a familly in Framingham
Mathias Woodys.	has a familly in Boston.
Richard Hall.	has a familly in Boston.
James Cloyce. Drummer.	Single, lives in Hopkintown.
John Nixson.	Sick, single, lives in Framingham.
Joseph Seaver.	single, lives in Framingham.
Jonath^n Dresser.	Sick, single, lives in Boston.
Benjamin Turner.	single, lives in Boston.
John Holebrook.	single, lives in Boston.
John Williams.	single, lives in Boston.
William Sprauge.	single, lives in Boston.
David Hubberd.	single, lives in Boston.
Seth Turner.	single, lives at Weymouth.*

Non off^rs	Private men
4	13

A list of the men under my command in the General's regiment, vizt.

Joel Whitemore, Lieutenant.	Marred.
Daniel Wilson, Ensign.	Batchelor.
Joseph Greenleaf.	Marred.
Thomas Allen.	Marred, has several children.
John Tompson.	Marred, has children.
Zimry Hanscon.	Marred, no children.
David Spiney.	Marred, no children.
Uriah Hanscon.	Marred, one child.
William Pettegrew.	Marred, no children.
Edward Hammond.	Marred, has children.
Robert Due.	Marred, one child.
George Knight.	Marred, several small children.
Morres Bryan.	Marred, has several small children.
John Ayers.	Batchelor.

* A list dated Oct. 24 adds the name of "Ephraim Baker, Junr, Clark," and omits the name of "Cloyce." In the October list all of the privates except "Sprage" and "Williams" are described as "sick." — Eds.

James Abbot.	Batchelor.
John Ranken.	Batchelor.
John Pugsley.	Batchelor.
Richard Dolley.	Batchelor.
Nath^{a} Hooper.	Batchelor.
James Goodwin.	Batchelor.
John Lydstone.	Batchelor.
William Remick.	Batchelor.
William Allen.	Batchelor.
George Marrenor.	Batchelor.
Benj^{a} Leach.	Batchelor.
Jeremiah Spiney.	Batchelor.
Jonathan Thomas.	Batchelor.
Bartholumy Wittum.	Batchelor.
Simon Emery.	Batchelor.
Hugh McClanen.	Batchelor.
Cato Fairwell.	Sick.

All belonging to a frontier towin in the county of York.

LOUISBOURG, Septr ye 20th, 1745.

PETER STAPLE.

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*The acctt. of the men that has families of Coll^{r} John Storer's company, all belonging to frontiers very much exposed.**

Sargantt Davis	A wife and 7 children
Joshue Kimbell	A wife and 1 children
Ichabod Donhew	A wife and 7 children
Joshu Lasdill	A wife and 8 children
Isaac Buswell	A wife and 3 children
Aaron Lord	A wife and 3 children
John Cradiford	A wife and 3 children
Lemul Clark	A wife and 3 children
Edward Evens	A wife and
Joshue Adams	A wife and 0 child
James Reed	A wife and 2 children
William Cortis	A wife and 1 child
Charles White	A wife and 4 children

* This list and the seven lists immediately following are without date; but they were all drawn up probably in the autumn of 1745. — EDS.

The names of the singall men.

John Kene	Joseph Taylor
Benjamin Gellsion	James Gibson
Ichabod Gellsion	Edmond Welch
James Littlfild	Mathew Robson
John Bagsher	Benjamin Cortis
John Deen	Joseph Webber
Isaac Danford	

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A list of men under my command, Capt. Perkins.

Capt[t]	Tho[s] Perkins	Under my command Tho[s] Perkins 6 men
Lieut[t]	John Burbank	
Clark,	Jesse Dorman	
	Rolizon Bond	
	Nath[ll] Martin	
	Bryant Paule	
	Allezon Aesdell	
	John Carr	
Serg[t]	Joseph Webber	Capt. Harman's 4 menn
	John Gairy	
	John Wells	
	Noa Pennice	
Serg[t]	John Clark	Capt[n] Butler's 9 men
	Samu[ll] Jones	
	James Gairish	
	Sam[ll] Grant	
	Michell Woodsome	
	John Murray	
	Nathan Gooden	
	James Mac Mac Clalling	
	Ichabod Tibbits	
	James Sampson	Capt. Lane's 2 men
	John Gellason	

Finis.

A list of Thomas Perkins men in the estate they are in.

Left. John Burbank	Sick, and a wife and six children
Eliphalet Perkins	
Joseph Coole	A wife and three children
Edward Stuart	A wife and four children

Jeremiah Springer	Sick, and a wife and four children
Stephen Harding	Sick, and a wife & one child
Richard Perry	A wife and two children
Jesse Darman	Under diffical circumstances at home
Eliphalet Carr	Sick
John Carr	Sick
John Hames	Sick
Asa Burbank	
Nathanael Marten	
Rolensond Bond	
Aleson Lasdell	
Bryant Paul	

All liveing in a fruntear town in New England.

N. O. Private men 15.

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*A return of the comp^{y} belonging to Capt Richd Mumford, diseast.**

Lieu^{t} Edwd Cole		Wm Roach	Sick
Serj^{t} Tom^{s} Dewen		John Roggers	D^{o}
Serj^{t} John Lee		John Shores	D^{o}
Serj^{t} Benj^{a} Allen	Sick	James Strange	D^{o}
Corp^{l} Robert Kelsey		Benj^{a} Stanton	D^{o}
Corp^{l} Danl Fuller	Sick	Absolom Slade	D^{o}
Corp^{l} George Irwin	D^{o}	James Sampson	
Robert Bennitt	D^{o}	Robert Trip	Sick
Martin Blake	D^{o}	Francis Lynn	
John Bailey	D^{o}	Wm Jones	
Wm Carey	D^{o}	Peter Merce	Sick
Joh. Cackaway	D^{o}	John Newman	
Newport Coffin	D^{o}	Stephen Frays	
Isaac Everson		Wm Ward	
John Greenman		Peter Syack	Sick
Thos Jeffs	Sick		
James Jedaurt			
Nich^{s} Larrance			
John Lawless			
Morgan Murphy	Sick		
Wm Mills			
Thos Niles	Sick.		
Eleazer Reynolds			
James Robenson			

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* Richard Mumford was a Rhode Island officer commissioned by Gov. Wanton, but did duty in Pepperrell's own regiment. See *ante*, pp. 498, 499. — Eds.

*A list of men belonging to Capt Smith.**

Richard Hoyle, Leiu^{t}		
Joseph Mason	Seargeants.	Family
Eleaezer Arnold		
John McDonald	Corporals	Family
Caleb Callum		
Patrick Hurrly		Family
Andrew Dexter		
Nathaniel Blague		
John Evens		
James Briges		
Alexander Grundy		
Ichobod Eddy		Family
Joseph Dodge		Family
Japheth Alverson		
Benjamin Ford		
Michal Thornton		
Nathan Matenson		Family
Samuel Sanders		
John Burrill		Family
John Wallace		
Joshua Sly		Family
Nathaniel Shelden		
John Eddy		
John Jewel		
Jonathan Mountigue		Family
Thomas Thornton		
Water Drimont		
Gideon Thornton		
Isaac Medbury		
John Bennet		Family
Gideon Hawkins		
Jabez Brown		Family
Joseph Whipple		
Benjamin Amos		
John Tubell		
Samuel Whitten		Family
Nehemiah Packord		
Ebenezer Edson		
John McKion		

* William Smith was a Rhode Island officer commissioned by Gov. Wanton, serving in Pepperrell's regiment. See *ante*, pp. 498, 499. — Eds.

George White	
Thomas Green	
James Trueworthy	
Thomas Ales	Family
Nehemiah Spywood	
Matthyas Richards	Family
Robert Watts	
Francis Streter	Family

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*A list of men belonging to Capt Joshua Champlin's company.**

Lieu^{t} Samuel Eldred	Wife and 7 children
Lieu^{t} Jeffry Champlin	7 children
William Fradsell, Serjeant	
Jonathan Okell, Serjeant	
George Charter, Corporal	Wife and 8 children
Stephen Richardson	Sick
Charles Campbell	Wife and 4 children
Bryant Raileigh	
Patrick Ward	
John Wittford	Sick
Tobias Tykin	Wife and 4 children
Gideon Harry	Sick
Sampson Palmer	
James Tykin	
Thomas Cobb	
Samuel Talker	
Grigory Hazard	Wife and 3 children
Peter Champlin	Sick, wife and 6 children
Samuel Quince	Wife and 4 children
Thomas Dingo	Sick
Moses Harrington	Sick, wife
Samuel Otton	Sick
Sampson Quimons	Sick
John O . . . . . [*sic*]	
James David	Sick
Job Harry	Sick

True State of ye Company.

SAM. ELDRIDGE.

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* Joshua Champlin was a Rhode Island officer serving in Pepperrell's own regiment. See *ante*, pp. 498, 499. — EDS.

*A list of men Capt Wm Werner left under the care of Leut. George Gerrish.**

Sam^{ll} Bickner	James Thorn
Sam^{ll} Newhall	Robert Simons
John Laver	Benjamin Ropes
Thomas Lisinby	Richard Richardson
John Thomas	Charles Nichols
Nath^{ll} Williams	Robert Colburt
John Ruby	Thomas Romeril
Sam^{ll} Mugredg	Sam^{ll} Millit
John Allen	Shuble Crook
Nathan Flin	Josiah Ceewateeg

A list of sutable men to have the command of a company of rangers or scouts this winter in the woods.

Capt Cobb in Coll. Gorham's regiment
Capt Huston in Coll. Willard's
Capt Chapman in the Coneticut
Capt Megregory in Coll More's

Your most obedient.

JN^{o} GORHAM.

N. B. These captains, besides other services, may take ye names of all the French, boath great and small, residing on this island in diffirent harbors.

LUISBOURG, October 16, 1745.

A list of the men now under the command of Capt Caleb Johnson.†

Lef^{t} Augustus Moore.	Wm Evens.
2^{d} Lef^{t} Thos Richardson, Jun.	Wm Jones.
Serg^{t} Stephen Rice.	Jonathan Webber.
Ser. Benj^{a} Willson.	Sherper Torry, Drum.
Ser. Wm Steevens.	John Boman.
Cor^{l} Nathan Wood.	Ruben Moore.
Cor^{l} Elias Harington.	Saml Epharim.
David Willson.	Wm Eveleth.
Philip Richardson.	Frink Bryant.

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* William Warner was commissioned captain of the ninth company in the First Massachusetts regiment. See *ante*, p. 498. — EDS.

† Caleb Johnson was a captain in the Ninth Massachusetts regiment. See *ante*, p. 511. — EDS.

Joseph Wood.
Obediah Cooledg.
John Butler.
Benj[a] Hoit.
Tho[s] Fair.
John Obryan.
W[m] Ward.
Charls Winchester.
Joshua Larnard.
Bryan M[c]Nemee.
Philip Pero.
Jeremiah, Indian.
Arthur Churchwood.
Jonas Nummuck.
John French.
Luis Perry.
Sam[l] Blasdel.
James Kidder, Cler.

A list of the soldiers under the comand of Peter Hunt, Cap[t], Loisbourg, October 16, 1745.*

John Blowers, Lieu[t].
John Bixbe, Serj[t].
Robert Walker, Serj[t].
Jonathan Parker, Serj[t].
Job Williams, Corp[ll].
Jonath[a] Robins, Corp[ll].
Will[m] Martin, Corp[ll].
Joseph Grimes, Corp[ll].
William Hill, Drumer.
Joseph Breden.
Edward Coal.
John Buck.
Jonath[a] Searls.
John Gaston.
Ichabod Furbush.
Jonas Clark.
Samuel Farmer.
Joshua Parker.
William Elles.
Nathan[ll] Blodget.
Eleazer Corey.
Zechariah Walker.
Sam[ll] Galusha.
James Cambell.
Timothy Clemens.
Sam[ll] Emery.
David Johnson.
Barnabas Palmer.
Joseph Platts.
William Symon, Indian.
Samuel Gernal, Indian.

Louisbourg, October 16th, 1745.

Captain Pamer Goulding in Col[o] Willard's regiment dismissed his Majesty's service.

Oct[o] 16th. Cap[t] Caleb Johnson in Brig[r] Dwights regiment dismissed the service.

Maj[r] Nath[l] Twing.

Louisbourge, Octo 17th, 1745.

Nath[l] Holmes & George Crocker are dismis'd, being old & one of them a rupture in his belly.

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* Peter Hunt was a captain in the Ninth Massachusetts regiment. See *ante*, p. 511. — Eds.

Capt James Grant has liberty to goo to provide for his men as agent.

Octob^{r} 21st. Andrew Woodberey dismist.

Louisbourg, Octob^{r} 17th, 1745.

A list of officers, ag^{d}, sick & who's affairs requirs their going to New England.

James Springer, Second Leiv^{t} of Capt Moses Pearsons' comp^{a} in the Gen^{ls} regiment.
James Griffen, Leiv^{t} of Capt Soul's comp^{a} in Coll^{o} Richmond's regim^{t}.
Joseph Johnson, Leiv^{t} of Capt Howards comp^{a} in Coll^{o} Choat's regim^{t}.
Saml Davis, Capt in Coll^{o} Hal's regiment.
Leiv^{t} Coll^{o} Pitts.
Parnor Goulding, Capt in Coll^{o} Willard's regiment.
Daniel Giddens, Leiv^{t} in Capt Foster's comp^{a} in Coll^{o} Hal's regiment.
John Rust, Second Leiv^{t} in Capt Stanford's comp^{a} in Hal's regiment.
Joseph Stanly, Leiv^{t} in Capt Morey's comp^{a} in Dwight's.
Capt Morey, in Dwight's.
Daniel Shipardson, Second Leiv^{t} in Capt Morey's comp^{a}.
Peter Hunt, Capt in Dwight's regiment.
Josiah Martin, Leiv^{t} of Capt Stanford's comp^{a} in Hal's regiment.
Caleb Johnson, Capt in Dwight's regiment.
Peter Grant, Leiv^{t} in Butler's comp^{a} in y^{e} Gen$^{l's}$ regiment.
Capt Thomas Stanford, in Hal's regiment.
Maj^{r} Jo's Hodges, in Coll^{o} Richmon's regiment.
Daniel Shipardson, Ensign of Capt Morey's in Dwight's regiment.
Peter West, Leiv^{t} of Capt Lumbert comp^{a} in Goreham's regiment.
Stephen Hale, Ensign of Capt Demock's comp^{a} in Goreham's regim^{t}.
John Lewis, Ensign in Moses Butler's comp^{a} in y^{e} Gen$^{l's}$ regiment.

P. Warren. W. Shirley.

October 21, 1745.

Leftenent Benjmin Williams
John Townsend, Clark
Shargant Sam^{ll} Gilbert
Shargant Eliakim Richmond
Shargant Isriel Sumner
Corprel Hezekiah Smith
Corprel Jo^{s} Jons
Corprel Joseph Shaw
John Reaghan
John Cauendar
Jacob Richmond
Rebun Bisbee
Rebun Tupper
Isaac Macomber
John Hacket
David Goodsped
Nathanel Eliot
Joseph Piam
Benjmin Shors

[On the reverse of this list is an undated list headed "A list of Leu^{t} Co^{ll} Pitts Company," a part of which has been torn off. The remaining portion is as follows]:

Co^{l} Sam^{ll} Pitts
Capt Thomas Gilbert
Lu^{t} Banj^{a} Willims
Jonathan Nucomb
Banj^{a} Stimson
Thomas Jons
Thomas Richmond
Abner Pary
Isral Sumner
Sam^{ll} Gilbert
Elijah Knap
John Townsend
Ebenezer Cobb
Eben^{r} Smith
[Eliakim Richmond?]
Seth Willis
Jon^{a} Willis
Ruben Bisbe
Benj^{a} Shors
Nath^{ll} Elot
Eben^{r} Drack
Jo. Piam
Stephen David
Ruben Tupper
John Hall

Lovisbourg, Octr 24th, 1745.

Copy of the list of men left at Lovisbourg, belonging to Leiu^{t} Coll^{l} John Storer.

Serg^{t} Enoch Davis.
Serg^{t} Benjamin Jillison.
Serg^{t} Joshua Kimbal.
Serg^{t} Joshua Lassell.
Corprill James Littlefield.
Corp^{r} Matthew Robison.
Corp^{r} Charles White.
Corp^{r} Joshua Addams.
Ichabod Dunham.
John Credifor.
Lemuel Clark.
Edward Evens.
James Read.
William Curtis.
John Bagshaw.
John Dean.
Isaac Danforth.
Joseph Taylor.
James Jypson.
Edmund Welch.
Ichabod Jillison.
Benjamin Curtis.
Joseph Webber.

A list of the offesers and men in Col. Choat's regiment, Nom^{r} 13th, 1745. Collonel's company.

Thomas Pike, Capt Litenant.		Corp^{l} Epherim Town	
Archuel Deate, Ensign.		Corp^{l} Wm Tomson	Sick
Serg^{t} John Lander		Corp^{l} John Veney	Sick
Serg^{t} John Neland	Sick.	Clerk Stephen Whipple	
Serg^{t} John Roberson	Sick.	Benjamin Nurss	
Serg^{t} Samuel Medelon		Samuel Hore	
Corp^{l} Abraham Smith		Danil Cumings	Sick

Benjah Young		Isaac Procter	
Jacob Maston		Christopher Denny	Sick
Samuel Houey		Richard Thomas	Sick
Nath[l] Willd		Joseph Hull	Sick
Danil Kimball	Sick	Micha Cross	Sick
Iseral Rust		W[m] Howlett	Sick
Robert Shaw	Sick	Benj[a] Ober	Sick
Moses Jewet	Sick	John Clements	Sick
John Jewet	Sick	Isaac Chandler	Sick
Thoms Riggs		Benj[a] Creecey	Sick
W[m] Pard	Sick	Jonathan Barker	Sick
Benjamin Woodbery		Jonathan Raymond	Sick
Benj[a] Woodbery, Jun.		Joseph Wallker	Sick
Epherim Adames		John Reeues	
Jefferey Parsons	Sick	Francis Smith	
Samuel Dike		W[m] Barmington	Sick
James Bishop	Sick	John Meacham	Sick
Francis Pirkens		Nath[a] Mansfeild	Sick
Samuel Hewes	Sick	Benj[a] Baley	Sick
Nath[a] Adames		Thomas Mansfeild	Sick

Tote in the first company 55; of which are unfitt for duty 30. Effective men and offeser 25.

Col. Williames company.

Charles Dolittle, Cpt. Let.	Sick	Azariah Bancroft	
Ebenezer Smeed, Ensign.	Sick	Abigah Smith	Sick
Serg[t] King		Ebenzer Stebens	Sick
Serg[t] Marsh		Isaac Amsden	Sick
Serg[t] Smith		Pheneas Marsh	
Serg[t] Killbey	Sick	Nath[a] Catlain	
Serg[t] Clark		Simeon Pomroy	Sick
Corp[l] Smith		Oleuer Warner	
Corp[l] Hoar		Benj[a] Wollcot	
Corp[l] Lymon	Sick	Elezer Warner	
Corp[l] Morgan		Aron Morgain	Sick
Corp[l] Baker		Moses Brooks	Sick
Clerk, Moses Feild		Noah Graues	
Drumer Cock	Sick	James Lemon	Sick
Ebenzer Thomas	Sick	Elknah Burt	
Abial Chapin	Sick	Benj[a] Parsons	
Gidion Mirick	Sick	Stephen Clark	
Jon[a] Taylor		Nath[a] Wright	Sick
Danil Thomson		Josiah Wright	

Danel Warner	Sick	Dauid Perce	Sick
James King		Joseph Welds	
Edward Church		Oleuer Stanly	Sick
Samuel Wells		Thomas Crison	Sick
Moses Crafts		Neso Tawney	Sick
Bej[a] Rose		John Umpoon	
Benj[a] Fuller	Sick		

Second company, totle 51; of which is unfitt for duty 21; remains effective men 30.

Major Twing's company.

Ebenzer Fisher, Let.		Henry Farmington	
Serg[t] William Redington	Sick	Anthony Williams	
Serg[t] Jacob Hart	Should haue been Leit		
Corp[l] Thomas Kedder		Nath[a] Daues	
Corp[l] John Demount	Sick	John Carson	
Joseph Teal		Jonas Cleason	
Joseph Bernard		Moses Fisher	
Samuel Thorp	Sick	Thomas Hill	
W[m] Woodcock		W[m] Bull	Sick
W[m] Coney		Walter Hickson	
Moses Loues		Edward Stinson	
John Youngman		Solomon Crosbey	Sick
John Dehoot		Drum. Thomas Battles	
John Bernard		Clerk. Benj[a] Rogers	

Third company, totle 27; of which line are sick 5. Effective men and offesers 22.

Cap[t] Thomas Chenney's company.

Thomas Chenney, Cap[t].		W[m] Webster	Sick
Obidiah Perry, Let.		Moses Towns	Sick
Thomas Colle, Ensign.		Nathan More	Sick
Serg[t] John Stacey.		James Town	
Serg[t] George Wattkins.		Edmund Town	Sick
Serg[t] Benj[a] Follet		Jacob Cumings	Sick
Serg[t] Iseril Whittney	Sick.	Joseph Gould	Sick
Serg[t] Timothy Osgood		Timothy Knight	Sick
Serg[t] Theodor Hoit		Francis Louejoye	Sick
Serg[t] Isaac Dolton		George Harris	Sick
Corp[l] Joseph Bartholomew	Sick	John Stacey, Jur.	Sick
Corp[l] Benj[a] Leson	Sick	Danil Miscraft	Sick
Corp[l] Samuel Allen		John Liley	

Abraham Bass	Sick	Benj[a] Merrill	
Nichelous Codey		Hezikiah Hutchens	
James Chadock		Obidiah Maxfield	
Samson Stanhope		Thomas Barnard	
Jonathan Pagan		John Currier	Sick
Nathan Keney	Sick	Stephen Haremon	
Jonathan Ballard		Joseph Simons	Sick
Morice Whitcher		Obidiah Colbey	Sick
John Stanley		Andrew Rowen	Sick
John Millett		James Hadlock	Sick
Nathan Hazelton		John Rowser	Sick
John Hopkins		Moses Whicher	Sick
Joseph Warrick		Arcules Morril	Sick
John Quitiens		Drumer Isaac Rigaway	
Henry Flood		Benjamin Harris	Sick
Peter Webb			

Fourth company, totle 57; of which are sick 24. Efective offesers and men 33.

Cap[t] Oleuer Hayward's company.

Oleuer Hayward, Cap[t].		John Taplin	Sick
James Smith, Let.		Francis Morse	
Serg[t] John Woodberey		John Burgen	
Serg[t] Stephen Elles		W[m] Conge	
Serg[t] Joseph Clark		Isiah Witt	
Corp[l] Samuel Danels		Jese Thomas.	
Corp[l] Ebenzer Harwood		Oleuer Wattson	Sick
Corp[l] Samuel Taylor	Sick	John Linhem	
Drm. Adonijah Adames		W[m] Tobin	
Benj[a] Reed		Philip Richardson	
Ebenzer Chamberlain		Allexander Maxwell	
Thomas White	Sick	Amos Kimball	
W[m] Jonson	Sick	Clerk, Job Keath	
Thomas Athrige	Sick		

Fifth company, totle 27; of which are sick 6. Efecttive offesers and men 21.

In the whole regiment offesers and men 217; of which are at present sick and unfitt for duty 86. Efective offesers and men, in all 131.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY. This list of my regiment which I have taken by your order contains the whole of my men; and of the eighty-six sick men, about the one half are on the recouerey. I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble, obedent servt.

JOHN CHOATE.

A roll of the companys in the Honble Sir Wm Pepperrell's regt of foot, now in Louisbourg ye 15 Novr, 1745.

The 1st compy, the General's.

Capt Ptr. Staples	Serjt Hewn McClane
Lieut Joel Whittymore	Corp Benja Leach
Ensa Danl Wilson, Dead.	Drumr Jno Ayres

Private.

Geo Knight	Jno Pugsley
Wm Remmick	Barth Whittom
Jas Gooding	Jno Rankim
Jno Ledston	Nath. Hooper
Wm Allen	Simon Emery
Geo Marriner	Zimry Hunscome
Wm Pettegrow	Jntha Thomas
Jno Thomson	Cato Farewell
Jerh Spinney	

Serjt 1. Corpl 1. Drumr 1. Private 17.

The 2d compy.

Lt Colo Storer	Serjt Enock Davis

Private.

Josa Kimball	Isac Danford
Benja Jellyson	Benja Curtis
Jas Littlefield	Wm Curtis
Mattw Robison	Josha Admans
Chars White	Jno Bagshaw
Icabod Gullison	Jno Deen
Jno Crafford	Jas Gebson
Jas Reed	Edwd Evans
Edwd Welch	Leml Clark
Jos Taylor	Jno Garey

Serjt 1. Corpl 0. Drumr 0. Private 20.

The 3d compy.

Major Cutts

Private.

David Gunnison	Jn° Brawn
Gideon Parker	Enoch Stevens
Jn° Amey	Sam. Kenney

Serj^{t} 0. Corp^{l} 0. Drum^{r} 0. Private 6.

The 4th comp^{y}.

Capt Eph^{m} Baker	Serj^{t} Jo^{s} Coller
Serj^{t} Edwd Brazier	Corp. Jn° Divine

Private.

Jn° Nickson	Mathias Woody
Seth Turner	David Hubbart
Jo^{s} Seaver	Jn° Williams
Benj^{a} Turner	Wm Sprauge
Jn° Holbrook	Eph^{m} Baker, Junr, Clerk
Juth^{n} Dreaser	

Serj^{ts} 2. Corp. 1. Drum^{r} 0. Private 11.

The 5th comp^{y}.

Capt Jn° Kinslagh	Serj^{t} Ab^{m} Martin
Lieu^{t} Crist^{r} Jephson	Serj^{t} Jn° MacVicker
Ens^{n} Char^{s} Cavenagh	Corp. Jn° Butler
Serj^{t} Patrick Gibbins	Corp. Danl Mackaffe
Serj^{t} Wm Moor	Corp. Jn° Mackshe

Private.

Bart^{h} Archdeacon	Jn° Peak
Larrenc Allen	Robt Reed, dead
Patrick Brett	Ebenz^{r} Thomas
Rich'd Butler	Thos Poor
Ge° Bailey	Alex^{r} Tully
Jn° Blake	Pierce Welch
Morrice Dowley	Char^{s} Wild
Patrick Duffey	Mic^{l} Whittey
Jn° Grimes	Thos Carrey
Ja^{s} Gawll	Wm Duncam
Richd Linch	Pt^{r} Pendergrass
Thos Mahoney	Jn° Fowll
Thos Moloney	Jo^{s} Davis
David Neal	Ja^{s} Clark
Danl Macnamarra	Robt Mackaffe
Ja^{s} Pittomey	Ja^{s} Welch

Serj^{ts} 4. Corp^{ls} 3. Drum^{r} 0. Private 32.

The 6th compy.

Capt Moses Pearson	Serjt Thos Ilsley
Serjt Php Hodskins	Corp. David Woodman

Private.

Jerh Simson	Sam. Hodskins
Ebenr Linkhorne	Jno Ayres
Jas Gilkey	Abiah Crosby
Jno Anderson	Jas Thorn
Moses Hodskins	Sam. Clark

Serjts 2. Corpl 1. Drumr 0. Private 10.

The 7th compy.

Capt Wm Warner	Corp. Sam. Muggeridge
Lieut. Garish	Corp. Thos Rommerrill
Serjt Sam. Bicknor	Drumr, Jas Thorne

Private.

Benjs Ropes	Shubal Crook
Richd Richardson	Nathl Flinn
Thos Lesinby	Saml Millett
Jno Leava	Robt Simmons
Chars Nichols	Mattw Williams
Jno Ruby	Robt Culbort
Jno Thomas	Sam. Newhall
Jns Allen	

Serjt 1. Corps 2. Drumr 1. Private 15.

The 8th compy.

Capt Thos Perkins	Lt Burbank

Private.

Jesse Dorman	Jno Carr
Jno Jelleson	Elizor Leasdon
Rollison Bond	Brian Paul
Jas Samson	

Serjt Jos Webber
Corp. Nath Martin

Private.
Noah Peenis
Jno Garey
Jno Wells

N. B. These are added to Ct Perkins compy, but did formerly belong to Capt Harmon of sd regt.

Serjt Jn° Clark
Private.
Sam. Jones
Sam. Grant
Ja^s Garish
Nath. Goodings
Ja^s McCarrill
Icabod Tibbitts
Jn° Murrey
Mica Woodsome

N. B. These are added to C^t Perkins company, but did formerly belong to C^t Butler of s^d reg^t.

Serj^{ts} 2. Corp. 1. Drum^r 0. Private 18.

The 9th comp^y.

Capt Ja^s Smith
Lieu^t Hoile
Serj^t And^w Dexter
Serj^t Jn° MacDonnald, dead.
Corp. Caleb Callom
Corp. Pt^r Hurley
Corp. Jn° Evans

Private.

Ja^s Brigs
Jo^s Alverson
Benj^a Ford
Thos Ales
Mic^l Thornton
Sam. Saunders
Jn° Wallace
Jos^a Sly
Nath. Shelden
Jn° Eddy
Robt Watts
Jnth^n Mountygue
Thos Thornton
Water Drimont
Gideon Thornton
Isac Medburrey
Gideon Hawkins
Ja^s Whipple
Nath. Spywood
Francis Streeter
Jn° Tubball
Benj^a Amos
Ma^t Packhord
Ebenz^r Edson
Ge° White
Thos Green
Jo^s Trueworthy
Richd Lewis
Martha Short
Nathl Colben
Saml Cobern
Jn° Lane
Wm Bentley
Danl Collum
Jo^s Indian
Ebenz^r Lovell

Serj^{ts} 2. Corp. 3. Drum^r 0. Private 36.

The 10th comp^y.

Capt Edwd Cole
Lieu^t Jo^s Wheaton
Ens^n Benj^a Allen
Serj^t Thos Dewen
Serj^t Jn° Lee
Corp. Robt Kelsey
Corp. Danl Fuller
Corp. Geb. Arwin
Drum^r Robt Bennett

Reuben Moore
Sam[l] Ephraim
W[m] Eveleth
Frink Bryant
Pelatiah Jones
Joseph Wood
John Butler
Bryan M[c]Nemar
Philip Pen
Arthur Churchwood
John French
Sam[l] Blaisdell
Jonas Hummock
Charles Winchester
John Obryan
Lewis Perry
Benj[a] Hoit
Tho[s] Fay
James Kidder

Capt. Isaac Colten's comp[a].

Tho[s] Jones, Ensign
Benj[a] Rogers, Serg[t]
Caleb Lamb, Serg[t]
Abner Hancock, Corp[l]
Joseph Warriner, Corp[l]
James Pease
Isaac Meecham
Dan[l] Abbee
Philip Simonds
Josiah Kent
Isaac Jillet
Sam[l] Austin
Joseph Howland
Joseph Ball
Jonathan Ball
John Keep
Reuben Hitchcock
Gideon Warriner
Asaph Teal
George Mygate
Phineas Nash
Benj[a] Knowlton

Capt Peter Hunt's comp[a].

John Blowers, Lieut.
Robert Walker, Serg[t]
Jonathan Parker, Serg[t]
Job Williams, Corp[l]
Jonathan Robins, Corp[l]
Joseph Grimes
Sam[l] Farmer
Jonas Clerk
John Gaston
Sam[l] Emery
Eleazar Corey
Zachariah Walker
W[m] Hill
Ichabod Furbush
Sam[l] Greenal
Tho[s] Ayers
W[m] Simonds
Sam[l] Galusha
Joshua Parker
Joseph Breden
Joseph Platts
John Buck
W[m] Ellis
Nathan Blodget
Nath Cummins
Edw[d] Cole
Timothy Clemens
Barnabas Palmer
James Campbell

Capt. Ephraim Wetherbe's compᵃ.

Jonathan Smith, Ensign	Abel Parker
John Moors, Sergᵗ	David Nutting
Jerahmeel Powers, Sergᵗ	Phineas Witney
Wᵐ Holden, Sergᵗ	Jonᵃ Fletcher
Nathˡ Page, Sergᵗ	Wᵐ Farnsworth
Timothy Heald, Corpˡ	Peter Harvey
Phinehas Parker, Corpˡ	Francis Alexander
Joshua Farmsworth, Drumʳ	John Robbe
John Green	Wᵐ Swan
Benjᵃ Goold	Solomon Blood
Charles Holden	Seth Willard
Jonathan Sartell	Stephan Bennet
Aaron Alexander	Thoˢ Turner
Isaac Moors	Joseph Robins
Sheers Perry	Samˡ Woods
Danˡ Parker	

Non commission officers & soldiers 182.

A compleat list of the effective men in Brigʳ Dwight's regimᵗ.

Att. S. ZOUBERBUHLER, Adjᵗ.

A list of the officers and men in Colonel Moulton's regimᵗ as follᵉ.

Capᵗ Grant's compᵃ.

James Grant, Capᵗ	James Lindzey
Andrew Le Mercier, Lieuᵗ	Jnº Magery
Joseph Brown, Sargᵗ	Michˡ Vide
David Glover, Sargᵗ	Jaˢ White
Wᵐ Webster, Sargᵗ	Thº White
Theo. Farrington, Sargᵗ	Ebenʳ Ramsdel
Peter Labere, Clark	Jnº Farn
John Holton, Corpº	Jacob Cain
Wᵐ Hilborn, Corpº	Clow Walcom
Samˡ Stone	Izrael Howard
Wᵐ Andrews	Obediah Farn
Samˡ Porter	Andrew Millet
James Ebborn	Benj Parnel
Aaron Crowell	Peter Brown
Wᵐ Holford	Jnº Elethrap
James Davidson	Dᵈ Fuller

Rich[d] Newhall
Sam[l] Baker
Jn[o] Lister
Joseph Clough
Rich[d] Thomas

Private soldiers & non comission officers 35.

A list of Cap[t] Jn[o] Card's comp[a].

John Card, Cap[t]
John Linscot, Sarg[t]
Jn[o] M[c]Cluker, Sarg[t]
Jonathan Dodson, Sarg[t]
Elias Banks, Corp[o]
George Spinney
W[m] Davis
Daniel Grant
Melachi Castle
Eleazar Whittum
John McDanniel
John Moulton
Nath. Abbot
Jn[o] Simpson
Ebene[r] Napp
Jn[o] Conneway
Joseph Webber
James Spinney
Joseph Barton
Shubal Barton
W[m] Moore
Jonathan Clough
James Wilson
Isaac Provinder

Private men and non comission officers 23.

A list of Cap[t] Charles King's comp[a].

Charles King, Cap[t]
Jn[o] Marston, Lieu[t]
Joseph Gerrish, Ens[n]
Rich[d] Reith
Jn[o] Erwin
Jn[o] Bickford
Th[o] Downing
Rob[t] Annable, dead
W[m] Cummins
Daniel Darling
W[m] Daniels
Packfry Downing
Jn[o] Chambers
Jn[o] Callum
Nath. Felt
David Griffis
Benj. Hooper
Jona. Phippen
Sam. Grossee
Jn[o] Silver
Jn[o] Symond
David Howard
Th[o] Ward
Jn[o] Wells

Private men and non comission officers 21.

A list of Cap[t] Marshall's comp[a].

Christ[o] Marshall, Cap[t]
Benj[a] Stansbury, Lieu[t]
Richardson, Ens[n], gone home on furlow.
David Chase
Sam[l] Whittemore
Sam[l] Bradford
Tho. Fenton
Marshall Miller
W[m] Curwen
Benj Killgoo

Adam Kenedy	Sam[l] Cowdry
Morris Welch	Jn[o] Melody
Luke Welch	Jn[o] Jenkins
Nath. Henderson	Simon Ellis
Jn[o] Chilcut	Rob[t] Dollinson
Josiah Lyon	Nich[o] Lidon
Jn[o] Wood	Th[o] Webb
Edw[d] Hunt	Robert Colbetson
Sam[l] Oidin	Th[o] Stubly
Nath. Putman	David Tayler

Private soldiers & non comission off[rs] 27.

A list of Cap[t] Rhodes's compa[y].

Sam. Rhodes, Cap[t]	Joseph Aton
Tho. Pyne, Serg[t]	Jesse Cavil
John Shaw, Sarg[t]	Eben. Brown
Francis Pickett, Sarg[t]	Pierce Crosby
John Williams	Jn[o] Downing
Th[o] Evans	John Jones
W[m] Daniels	Jeremiah Howard
Jeremiah Gould	Lewis Francis
Jethro Sedebin	Francis Lewis
Rich[d] Abbot	Lewis Passer
W[m] Davis	Caleb Farnum
Nathan Barlow	George Pickerill
James Benit Waters	W[m] Jenkins
Eben. Durant	Th[o] Keller
Arthur Vincent	

Private soldiers and non commission officers 28.

List of Cap[t] Prescot's company.

Peter Prescot, Cap[t]	Alex[r] Kidd
Larken, Lieu[t]	Jn[o] Bryan
John Whealer, Sarg[t]	John Keef
Daniel Molen, Sarg[t]	W[m] French
Cornelius Sullivan, Sarg[t]	Joshua Williams
John Shipman, on furloff	Morris Akern
Alex Telfare	Rich[d] Griffis
Robert Stone	Jere. Shepard
Sam. Wood	Robin Dyke
Job Whittum	Timothy Kreg
Jn[o] Willson	John Gould
Jonathan Corey	Elisha Johnson 22

From Melvin's compᵃ.

Sam. Dudley	Jnº Temple
Jnº McCollow	Jnº Hucker
Timº Adams	Simon Robins
Jonᵃ Wood	Aaron Russell
Joseph Ham	Joseph Dudley
Jonᵃ Barrat	11

Private soldiers & non comission officers 33.

A list of Capᵗ Estes Hatch's company.

Edward Carter, Ensign	Benj. Phillips
Daniel Lane, Sargᵗ	George Byram
Ezekiel Hovey	James Stanly
Benj. Wilkins	Wᵐ Oakley

Private soldiers and non commission offᵉ 7.

A list of Capᵗ Barthº Trow's company.

Joseph Miller, Lieuᵗ	Sam. Wilcut
Joseph Fairbank, Ensⁿ	John Fitts
Joseph Frothingham	John Delany
Jonathan Rand	James Holland
Wᵐ Osmint	George Dowdell
Jnº Watters	John Nichols
Wᵐ Mattocks	Eben. Burgis
John Fowle	Phillip Tray
Daniel Bowles	Cuffe Munnis

Private soldiers and non commission officers 16.

Capᵗ Cutter's company.

A. R. Cutter, Capᵗ	John Brackley
Caleb Harrington	Owen Cunningham
Wᵐ Sampson	John Frost
Joseph Fletcher	John Johnson
Sam. Nichols	John Kelley
Benj. Morgridge	Benj. Sawer
Parker Moody	Nehemᵃ Robinson
Joseph Levett	George Casey
Wᵐ Brown	Wᵐ Daniels
Thº Humphrey	

Private men and non comission officers 18.

Soldiers and non commission officers on the spot	208
Commission officers on the spot	14
	221*

Lovisburg, Novm^{r} 20th, 1745. The foregoing list of men are all allive.

Attest. Jer. Moulton.

An account of the men dead since the 27th of October, and the com panys to whom they belonged, vizt.

Capt Grant	1
Capt Card	1
Capt King	5
Capt Marshal	7
Capt Cutter	2
Capt Rhodes	4
Capt Trow	2
Capt Prescott	1
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Lovisburg, Novm^{r} 20, 1745. Jer. Moulton.

Muster Roll of Col^{o} Moore's regiment, Louisbourg, 20th Novem^{r}, 1745.

Col^{o} Moore's company.

Col^{o} Samuel Moore	Doct^{r} James Wood
Lieu^{t} John Flagg	Wm Earl Treadwell
Nat^{l} Rite White, Serj^{t}	Adam Black
John Blake, Corp^{l}	John Barker
Abner Sanborn	William Rand
James Marston, sick	John Wilson
Willm Marston	John Fickett
Jabez Towle	John Hodgsdon
Willm Hughes	Thomas Haley
David Moulton	Noah Bradden
Benj^{a} Dalton	Willm Studley, sick
John Perry, sick	Willm Spriggs
John Dunkin	John Flagg, jun^{r}
Wm Villum	Richd Hull
John Atkinson	Richd Forham
Doct^{r} Jos^{h} Peirce	John Turner

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* The original and correct footing is 222; but the last figure was changed by having a strong mark drawn over it. Moulton's signatures are autographs. The whole list is indorsed by Pepperrell "A List of Coll^{o} Moulton's Regiment given me by Govr Shirley." — Eds.

John Hall
Israel Hodgsdon
Davis Gooding
Jon^{a} Huntriss
Abner Hunt
Samuel Tobey
Isaac Brown
John Green
John Loggin
Alex^{r} Thompson
George Perkins
Jeremy Lary
David Gardner
Thomas Jones
Joseph Keniston
Parham Peirce

Capt Fellows's comp^{y}.

Lieu^{t} Nathl Fellows
Ensign Thos Newmarch
Ensign Ezek^{l} Pitman, ju^{r}
Richard Bruster, sick
Richard Fitzgerrald
Josh^{a} Cooper
Solomon Read
Edward Sherburn
Tim^{o} Batt, Serj^{t}
Abra^{m} Elliot
John Stevens
Joseph Downing
Abra^{m} Senter
Thomas Dun, sick
John Hooper
James Wherrin
John Woodham
Roger McMahone
Isaac Wherrin
Edward Moore, Serj^{t}
Pitman Coldbath
John Foy
Moses Ward, sick
Isaac Roberts
Jon^{a} Dam
Richd Furber
John Welch
Richd Knight
Willm Randall
John Pinkham
Jethro Bickford
Thomas Johnson
Stephen Rawlings
Christ^{o} Huntriss
Jotham Ham
Joseph Coldbath
Andrew Morgan
Saml Thompson
Archibald Walles
Jonathan Boothby
Thomas Claridge
Saml Rawlings
Benj^{a} Coldbath

Capt Light's company.

Capt John Light
Lieu^{t} Joshua Winslow
Ensign Jere^{h} Veasey
Joseph Philbrick
Caleb Brown, sick
Jonas Ward
Joseph Acors, sick
Thos Lary
Joseph Atkinson
Moses Flanders
Joseph Judkins
John Edgerly
Clem^{t} Moody
James Marsh
Amos Dollof, sick
Jack Covey
Joseph Dudley
Joseph Giles

Moses Ferrin
Sam[l] Scribner
Sam[l] Sinkler
Will[m] Morey
Tho[s] Watson
John Severans
Eliphalet Quinby
John Wells
John Brown
James Gloyd
Eben[r] Sinkler
Abra[m] Stockbridge
James Gilman
David Dollof
Joseph Folsom
Josiah Samborn, sick
Jonas Addison
Robert Gorden
Will[m] Prescot
John Gibson
John Forrest
Nat[l] Lampson
William Fifield
Moses Louge
Joseph Dudley
Benj[a] Robinson
Daniel Kelley, sick
James Gordon
George Creighton

Cap[t] Sherburn's company.

Cap[t] Joseph Sherburn, sick
Lieu[t] Henry Montgomery
Ensign Eben[r] Wright
John Cotton, Serj[t]
Will[m] Thompson, D[o]
John Bordman
Growth Palmer
Warren Stockbridge
Jonathan Ambrose
Samuel Sims
Valentine Aylmer
Abner Cass
Joseph Young
Daniel Welch
Satchel Rundlet
Robert Kennedy
Sam[l] Miller
John M[c]Niel
John Adams
John Carter
John Maclaughland
James Maclenechan
James Thompson
Adam Galt
Andrew Logan
James McNiel
Patrick Galt
John Miller
Robert Cunningham

Cap[t] Prescot's company.

Cap[t] Jonathan Prescot, gone home on furlough.
Ensign Ezekiel Worthen
Simon Moulton
David Page
Benj[a] Tilton
Will[m] Swain
Joseph Prescot
John Chapman
Thomas Lock
Nathan Dow
Daniel Row
Ephraim Stevens
Eben[r] Gove
Nathan Row
John Fellows
Will[m] Clifford
James Lovell

Joseph Gove	John Ealet
John Prescot	Jon^{a} Kimball
Robert Row	Enoch Chase
Chalis Dow	Thomas Chalis
John Hutchins	Paul Pressey
Daniel Ward	Thos Gimpson
Saml Blake	Joseph George
Joseph Weare, sick	Caleb Norton
Thomas Moulton	Saml Eastman
Jon^{a} Choate sick	Robert Sweet
Moses Davis D^{o}	William Davis
Joseph Weed D^{o}	

Capt Hale's company.

Capt Samuel Hale	Richard Kenny
Benj^{a} Libbey	David Kincaid
Saml Heard	Ichabod Hill
Joseph Giles	Benj^{a} Stanton
Ruben Gray	William Keniston
Jacob Hossom, sick	Stephen Clark
Daniel Libbey	John Folsom
Richard Harris	Willm Durgin
Stephen Evens	James Gorman
John Forse	Edward Bean
Nich^{s} Grace	Nathl Bean
John Smith	Marston Samborn
Josiah Clark	Edward Fox
Thomas Roberts	James Critchet
Nathl Perkins	Saml Richardson
Joseph Berry	Benj^{a} Bunker

Capt Williams's comp^{y}.

Capt Edward Williams	James Taylor
Ensign Edmund Brown	Benj^{a} Shaw
Robert Calf, Serj^{t}, sick	John French
Nathl Weare, D^{o}	David Lowell
Jon^{a} Bond	Eben^{r} Samborn
Peter Ingalls	Tim^{o} Blake
Enoch Rowel	Daniel Cram
Nason Cass	John Elest
John Marston	John Samborn

Col° Moore's Company	48 men	Sick	3
Capt Fellows' D°	43		3
Capt Light's D°	47		5
Capt Sherburn's D°	29		1
Capt Prescot's D°	40		4
Capt Hale's D°	33		1
Capt Williams' D°	18		1
	258		18 sick men in ye regiment
In the Massachusetts pay	50		
In New Hampshire pay	208		

Louisbourge, Novr 20th, 1745.

Saml Moore, Colonel.

Benj^{a} Bunker & George Creighton who were gone home on furlough are now returned.

Part of three companys all att present under the Cor^{l} comand, and doe duty in town.

Lev^{t} Joseph Lawrence, gone home, furlo.

Ensign Jonathan Ames.	Joseph Thorn	
Serg^{t} James Hatch	Peter Washonks	
Serg^{t} John Battles	Thomas Nimrod	
Serg^{t} George Calwell	Amos Stewart	
Stephen Rogers, Clerk	John Tack	
Corp^{l} Charles Gilkey	Jacob Thomson	
Joshua Hutton	Winsor Horning	
Jonathan Damond	James Lamb	
Willm Hall	Indian Pothead, on Col Bradstreet vessell	
David Meclan	Gambo Negro	
Ezekeil Sprage	John Kelley	
Thomas Hall	Serg^{t} Ephraim Thomas.	
Philip Meclan	Drum. Isaac Bardin	
Joshua Burdit	Corp. Nath. Bump	
Eber Tincomb	Georg Barrows	
Ensigne Otis	John Wilcocks	
John Wheelright	Edward Battles	39
Willm Wallis	Capt. Doan sence arived with new troops	35
Elisha Rose		74
Indian, Joseph Nowell		
Willm Wiequash		

Capt. Silvanus Cobb.

Lev[t] Stephen Hall, sick
Ensign Nath[l] Faxson, gone home on furlo.
Ser[t] Elezer Holmes
Corp Sam[ll] Drew
Jermiah Holmes
Ebur Cobb
Jacob Tincomb
John Briant
Seth Curtis
Joseph Silvestr
Nathan Weston
Nath[l] Mourton
Thomas Dave, on bord transport
Joseph Wampom, on bord Coll. Bradstreet vessell
Jedidia Studson
James Pratt
Barnabas Shirtlef
Elezer Fance
Peter Stocker
Benj[a] Wicket
Toby Adams
Solomon Mourton
Robert Decost
Will[m] Rogers
Ser[t] Anthony Anible
Ser. Thomas Huggins
Ser. Jabez Hamblin
Ebur Chipman
Silas Black
Josiah Scudder
Joseph Frith
Nathan Toby
Nathan Gibbs
Benj. Jones
Ruben Pytcher
Will[m] Pytcher
Peter Lewis
Nathan Raiment
Will[m] Revis, sick
Joseph Nummuck
Jonathan Geffrey
Joseph Cain
Jacob Paul
Simon Kete
Amos Francis, sick
Josipher Pauconet
Thomas Davis, bord transport
Sam[l] Genim, Clerk.

Totall 49

Cap[t] Sam[l] Lumbrt gone home, furlo.

Lev[t] Nath[l] Fish, agent for y[e] company.
Ensigne Caleb Hamblin
Serg[t] Joseph Luce
Serg[t] Shuball Claghorn
Drm. John Dun
Sam. Childs
Ignatius Smith
Benj[a] Eldredge
Barnabas Bursley
James Walker
Job Bates
John Grean
Presburg Woollen
David Fuller
Jacob Chin
Peter Bacor
Josiah Matack
Thomas Tancoose
Stephen Sogun
Jacob Isaces
Isaac Joho
Ebner Vanys
Simon Tamer
Andrew Panuck
Cuffey, Negro
Joseph Amos
Thomas Coomes

Thomas Voois
Elisha Richard
Limus Cuffey
Sam[l] Poridge
John Poridge
Joseph Atiquin
Robert Sincoson } bord Coll Brad-
Sipio, Mollata } street's vessell
Thomas Smith, Clerk 37

Seven men deserted from the Island Battery, caryed home in a Road Island sloop, belong to Yarmouth in the county of Barnstable.

Joseph Hallet
Barnabas Hallet
Jonathan Tayler
Danil Tayler
James Oates
David Mathews
Nathan Basset 7

A list of officers & souldiers in Coll[o] Gorham's regiment.

Cap[t] Elisha Doan & company doe duty on y[e] Island Battery

Lev[t] William Pain
Serg[t] Will[m] Withrell
Drumer Will[m] Wilcut
Barnabas Cook
Elisha Bigford
Sam[ll] Basset
James Kenedy
Cornelius Ritch
Moses Rogers
Stephen Niconson
Nathan Lumbrt
Seth Brown
Simon Bacor
Thomas West
Will[m] Fourd
Ebner Berry
Joshua Gross
Sam[l] Coomes
Philip Covill
Isaac Libit
Will[m] Kent
Stephen Young, sick
Jomo Mark
Jonathan Pompino
Silvanus Merchant
John OKelley
Simeon Bacor
Benj[a] Maker
Ruben Gage
Judah Ellis
Silvanus Arey
David Tarro, sick
Jermiah Ralp
David West
Thomas Ralp
Sam. Poridge, sick
Ser[t] Barnabas Freeman
Stephen Sparrow, Clerk
Kimbal Prince
Joshua Phiney
James Howland
Joshua Bump
Nathan Davis
Henry Wassoo
James Cook
Israell Felix
Joseph Mitchell
Serj. Hugh Mahurin
Serj. Richard Cobb, dead
Serj. Eidail Bates, sick
Corp. Joseph Crossman, sick.
Corp. Hezicah Holmes
Thomas Lovel
John Wibder

Edward Cole	James Hegin
Benj[a] Shaw	Silas Anthony
Will[m] Morris	Thomas Robin
Mathew Smith	Jonathan Babesuck
Job Burgis	64
	dead 1
MATHEW LUMBRT, Ajutant	63
JOHN GORHAM, L[t] Coll.	

Attest, LOUISBURG, Novemb[r] 20, 1745.

Copie SHUBALL GORHAM.

A list of the officers & men belonging to Eighth Regiment in Louisboury under the care of L[t] Col[o] W[m] Williams. Dec[r] 3, 1745.

The First Company.

Thom[s] Pike, Capt[n] L[t]
Archelus Dale, Ens[n]

		Occupation.
Serj[ts]	John Kneeland	Carpenter
	John Lander	Joyner
	John Robinson	Carpenter
	Sam[l] Middleton	Labourer
Corp[l]	Eph[m] Town	Ditto
	W[m] Johnson	Ditto
	John Veney	Ditto

Private Men

Benj[a] Nurse	Sadler
Samuel Frerey	Labourer
Dan[l] Cummings	Labourer
Benaijah Young	Blacksmith
Jacob Marston	Shoemaker
Samuel Hovey	Carpenter
Nath[l] Wilds	Tayler
Daniel Kimball	Labourer
Israel Rust	Blacksmith
Robert Shaw	Labourer
Moses Jewet	Shoemaker
John Jewet	Labourer
Thom[s] Riggs	Ditto
W[m] Parde	Ditto
Benj[a] Woodberry	Shoemaker
Eph[m] Adams	Ditto

	Occupation.
Jeffry Parsons	Joyner
Sam[l] Dike	Labourer
James Bishop	Ditto
Francis Perkins	Sadler
Sam[l] Harris	Labourer
Nath[l] Adams	Ditto
Isaac Prockter	Ditto
Chris[r] Dimpsey	Ditto
Joseph Hull	Carpenter
Mich[l] Cross	Shoemaker
W[m] Howlet	Labourer
Benj[a] Ober	Carpenter
John Clemments	Hatter
Isaac Chandler	Labourer
Benj[a] Cresey	Carpenter
Jonathan Barker	Hatter
Jonathan Raymond	Labourer
Joseph Walker	Ditto
John Reaves	Heal Maker
Francis Smith	Shoemaker
W[m] Barmingham	Labourer
John Meacham	Blacksmith
Nath[ll] Mansfield	Blacksmith
Benj[a] Bailey	Labourer
Thomas Mansfield	Cooper

The 2[d] Company.

W[m] Williams, Capt[n]
Eb[r] Smead, Ens[n]

Serj[ts]	Ezra King	Farmer
	Edw[d] Smith	Carpenter
	Seth Kibbey	Ditto
	W[m] Clark	Labourer
Corp[ls]	Phineas Smith	Ditto
	Leonard Hoar	Ditto
	Medad Lyman	Ditto
	Dan[l] Morgan	Ditto
	Tim[o] Baker	Ditto
Clerk, Moses Field		Ditto

Private Men

Jonathan Tayler	Ditto
Nathan Catlen	Ditto

	Occupation
Simeon Pomeroy	Blacksmith
Isaac Amsden	Carpenter
Moses Brooks	Mason
Phineas Nash	Labourer
Eben^{r} Stebbins	Ditto
Danl Thompson	Ditto
Aaron Morgan	Ditto
James Lemon	Mason
Gideon Mirick	Labourer
Elijah Smith	Ditto
Eben^{r} Thomas	Ditto
Asael Chapin	Ditto
Oliver Warner	Hatter
Elkanah Burt	Labourer
Daniel Warner	Ditto
Benj^{a} Parsons	Ditto
Nathl Wright	Ditto
Josiah Wright	Ditto
Jonas King	Carpenter
Zach^{r} Long	Labourer
Azariah Bancraft	Shoemaker
David Pierce	Labourer
Joseph Weld	Ditto
Oliver Stanley	Ditto
Samuell Wells	Ditto
Edwd Church	Ditto
Benj^{a} Rose	Ditto
Benj^{a} Fuller	Ditto
Thom^{s} Cresson	Ditto
Daniel Rouirk	Mariner
Neso Tawney	Hunter
John Umpoon	Ditto
Stephen Clark	Labourer
Jos. Cook, Drum^{r}	Ditto

The 3^{d} Company

Serj^{t} Jacob Hart		Carpenter
Clerk, Wm Rogers		Gent^{a}
Corp^{ls}	Solomon Crosbee	Shoemaker
	Francis Kidder	Joyner
Drum^{r}, Thom^{s} Battle		Labourer

Private Men

	Occupation.
Moses Fisher	Labourer
Sam[l] Thorp	Ditto
W[m] Coney	Ditto
W[m] Woodcock	Ditto
John Dehorta	Ditto
John Carson	Carpenter
John Youngman	Ditto
Moses Lewis	Seaman
Thomas Hill	Labourer
Nath[ll] Davis	Carpenter
Henry Farrington	Carpenter
Edw[d] Stinson	Labourer
Anth[o] Williams	Ditto
Jonas Gleron	Ditto
Joseph Barnard	Tayler
John Barnard	Labourer
Joseph Teal	Ditto
W[m] Bull	Ditto
John Demount	Ditto

The 4th Company.

L[t] James Smith		
Serj[ts]	John Woodberry	Shoemaker
	Stephen Ellis	Blacksmith
	Joseph Clark	
Corp[ls]	Sam[l] Daniels	Carpenter
	Eben[r] Harwood	Labourer
	Sam[l] Tayler	Ditto
Clerk, Job Keeth		Carpenter
Drum[r] Adonijah Adams		Labourer

Private Men

Benj[a] Read	Labourer
Eben[r] Chamberlin	Labourer
Alexander Maxwell	Tayler
Thomas Atheridge	Labourer
Thom[s] White	Ditto
W[m] Johnson	Mariner
John Taplin	Labourer
Francis More	Ditto

	Occupation.
John Burgan	Carpenter
Isaiah Witt	Blacksmith
Matthew Coye	Labourer
Jesse Thomas	Ditto
Amos Kendall	Ditto
Oliver Watson	Tanner
Phillip Richardson	Labourer
John Lynham	Ditto
Wm Taben	Ditto

The 5th Company.

Thomas Cheney, Captn
Obadiah Perry, Leivt
Thome Coleby, Ensn

Serjts	John Stacey	Labourer
	Benj Follet	Ditto
	Israel Whitney	Mason
	Timothy Osgood	Labourer
	Theodore Hoit	Ditto
Corpls	Jo. Bartholomew	Housewright
	Is. Dalton	Labourer
	Benjn Gleason	Ditto
	Dani Allen	Ditto
Eleazr Metcalf, Clerk,		Bloomer
Drumr, Is. Ridgaway		Labourer

Private Men

Moses Town	Labourer
James Town	Do
Nathan More	Do
Edmund Town	Do
Timothy Knight	Do
Francis Lovejoy	Do
George Harris	Do
John Stacey, Junr	Do
Dani Marscraft	Do
John Little	Do
Abraham Bass	Do
Benjn Farris	Do
Nichs Cadey	Clothier
James Chancey	Labourer
Sampsn Shantup	Do

	Occupation.
Jonathan Pagan	Labourer
Nath[n] Kenney	D°
And[w] Rowen	D°
John Millet	D°
Henry Flood	D°
Benj[a] Merril	D°
John Hopkins	D°
John Tozer	D°
John Stanley	D°
John Quitticus	D°
John Currier	D°
James Hadlock	D°
Moses Whichey	D°
Hezekiah Hutchins	Joyner
Nathan Hazeltine	Labourer
Nath[ll] Stevens	Housewright
Obadiah Maxfield	Labourer
Archelus Morrill	D°
Stephen Herriman	D°
Joseph Warwick	D°
Henry Flood	D°

Indorsed by Pepperrell, "A List of Coll° Choat's Regiment left wth Coll° Williams."

A list of officers in the late regiment of foot raised in New Hampshire, whereof Samuel Moore, Esq., was Colonel, employed in the reduction of Louisburgh, and the territories thereon depending, to the obedience of the King of Great Britain, with such others as were afterwards commissioned & assisted in garrisoning the same, until reliev'd by his Majesty's British troops, with an account of their rank and the pay received in New England.

Officers Names	Quality	Time of Entrance into the service	When dismissed	Whole time in the service	Wages ℔ mo	Whole amount of wages	How provided for
		1744	1746	Mo D.			
Samuel Moore	Colo	Feby 13		18.3	£12.	£217.4.	
Nathaniel Meserve	2 Colo	13	Novr 11	9.14	10.	96.16.	
Ezekiel Gilman	Major	13	11	9.14	8.10	82.5.4	
John Tufton Mason	Capt	13	July 31	6.4	4.10	27.	
William Seaward	Ditto	13	Novr 10	9.18	4.10	43.7.10	
John Furnel	Ditto	13	11	9.19	4.10	43.11.	
Henry Sherburne	Ditto	13	June 28	4.21	4.10	21.7.6	
		1745					
Joseph Sherburne	Ditto	June 6	June 30th	12.24	4.10	62.10.4	
Daniel Ladd	Ditto	Feby 13	Sepr 4	7.7	4.10	32.12.6	
Samuel Hale	Ditto	13	Octobr 16	8.22	4.10	39.10.3	
			1746				
Samuel Hale	Major	Octr 17	July 15	9.20	8.10	82.11.5	
Jacob Tilton	Capt	March 1	Novr 11th	9.20	4.10	43.14.3	
Edward Williams	Ditto	2	Feb. 16	13.5	4.10	59.6.	
John Wise	Ditto	Apl 15			4.10		
James Whidden	Capt Lt	Feby 13	Novr 10	9.18	4.10	43.7.10	
Thos Westbrook Waldron	Ditto	13	Sepr 6	7.9	4.10	32.18.6	
Trueworthy Dudley	Ditto	13	July 31	6.	4.10	27.	
John Hart	Lieut	13	31	6.	3.	18.	
Samuel Lovet	Ditto	13	Sepr 6	7.9	3.	22.	
Samuel White	Ditto	13	Octor 9	8.14	3.	25.10	
John Flagg	Ditto	13	Sepr 30	8.5	3.	24.10.8½	
John Flagg	Capt	Janr 19				27.17.1	
Eliphalet Daniels	Lieut	Feby 13	July 31	6.	3.	18.	
Zechariah Foss	Ditto	13	Novr 14	9.22			
Jeremiah Williams	Ditto	13	Sepr 22	7.25	3.	23.13.6	
James Dudley	Ditto	13	Augt 7	6.7	3.	18.15	
Moses Wingate	Ditto	13	Sepr 30th	8.6	3.	24.12.10	
Richard Mattoon	Ditto	13	Novr 11th	9.20	3.	29.2.11	
Samuel Robie	Ditto	13	Sept 30th	8.6	3.	24.12.10	
Samuel Conner	Ditto	13	July 31	6.	3.	18.	
Thomas Tufts	Ens & 2 Qr Mas.	13	Sept. 6	7.9	2.	14.13.6	
Thomas Newmarch	Ensn	13	30	8.5	2.	16.17.2	
Thomas Newmarch	Lieut	Octr 1	June 20	9.11	3.	28.3.7	
Daniel Wormall	Ensn	Feby 13	Novr 11	9.19	2.	19.7.1	
Ezekiel Pitman	Ditto	13	10	9.17	2.	19.4.6	
Christopher Huntriss	Ditto	13	July 31	6.	2.	12.	
Edward Brooks	Ditto	13	31	6.	3.	18.	

Officers Names	Quality	Time of Entrance into the service	When dismissed	Whole time in the service	Wages ℔ mo	Whole amount of wages	How provided for
Thomas Pickerin	Ens[n]	Feby 13	Aug[t] 7	6.7	2.	12.10.	
Joseph Sleeper	Ditto	13	Sep[r] 22	7.25	2.	15.16.6	
Clement Ham	Ditto	13	Sep[t] 30th	8.6	2.	16.8.7	
Robert Perkins	Ditto	13	July 31	6.1	2.10	12.1.5	
Edmund Brown	Ditto	13	Sep[t] 30th	8.6	2.	16.8.7	
Edmund Brown	Lieu[t]	Octob[r] 1	July 1	9.22		36.12.11	
Recruits							
George Meserve	Cap[t]	June 20th	Nov[r] 11	5.4	4.10	23.3.	
John Light	Ditto	June 17th	June 20th		4.10	59.6.	
Jonathan Prescutt	Ditto	17th	Ap[l] 12	Deceas'd		48.4.3	
John Ladd	Ditto	17th	Nov[r] 10	5.7	4.10	23.12.6	
Daniel McGregore	Ditto	20th	Dec[d] 9[br], 14th		4.10	37.18.6	
Nathaniel Fellows	Lieu[t]	20th	Sep[t] 30	3.19	2.10	9...3	
Nathaniel Fellows	Cap[t]	Oct[r] 1	June 20	9.11	4.10	42.5.4	
Joshua Winslow	Lieu[t]	Sep[r] 30th	17	9.8	3.	27.17.2	
William Earl Treadwell	Ditto	Aug[t] 9th	17	9.8	3.	27.17.1	
Ezekiel Worthen	Ens.	June 27	Sep[t] 30	3.22	2.	9.7.2	
Ezekiel Worthen	Lieu[t]	Octo. 1st	June 20	9.11	3.	28.3.7	
Jeremiah Veasey	Ens.	June 17	Sep[r] 30	3.22	2.	7.11.5	
Jeremiah Veasey	Lieu[t].	Octo[br] 1	June 20	9.11	2.17	28.13.7	
Benjamin Bunker	Ens.	Aug. 10				26.9.3	
John Loggin	Ditto	July 16	June 17th	9.8	2.17	26.9.3	
Joseph Philbrick	Ditto	Octob[r] 1	June 20th	9.11	2.17	26.15.5	
John Flagg, jun[r]	Ditto	July 9				26.9.4	
Ezekiel Pitman, jun[r]	Ditto	June 20th	June 20th	12.		34.2.6	
Joseph Weare	Ditto	Aug[t] 11th	June 20th			26.15.4	
Henry Montgomery	Ditto	June 20th	Deceasd			25.7.3	
Nathaniel Meserve, jun[r]	Lieut.	Aug[t] 1	Nov[r]. 11	3.19	3.	11.10	
Jonathan Folsome	Ditto	June 17th	Jany 20th	Deceas[d]		21.17.11	
Bradbury Green	Ditto	17th	Sep[t] 3	2.23	3.	8.9.4	
Moses Sleeper	Ditto	17th	D[o] 6	2.26	2.10	7.6.5	
Jacob Morrill	Ens[n]	17th	Nov[r] 10th	5.17	2.	10.10	
Abraham Trefethen	Cap[t]						
Jonathan Gilman	Lieut						
Philip Yetton	Ens.						
Staff Officers							
Samuel Langdon	Chaplain	March 18		4.15	6.	27.5.	
Joseph Peirce, Esq	Chief Surg[n]	16	Feby 5	11.20		245.5.1	
Nathaniel Sargent	Surg[n]	20	1746	6.10		57.2.	
James Wood	Surg[n] Mate	18	Apr.			71.8 6	
Alexander Clark	Surg[n]	Octo[r] 7	June 16			103.17.2	
John Eyre	Adjut[t]	Feby 13	Nov[r] 11	9.18	3.	29.1.3½	
Edmund Brown	Ditto						
William Earl Treadwell	Commiss[y]	Feby 13	Dec[r] 2[d]			31.5.1	
Jacob Sheafe	Ditto	Octo[r] 5	June 20th	9.7		69.7.6	
Solomon Pinkham	Armor[r]	Feby 13	July 31	6.		13.10.—	

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